

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

## Physician Assistant Mission

To improve universal access to health care by graduating highly competent and confident Physician Assistants prepared to provide exceptional quality, patient-centered ethical health care in a collaborative environment.

## Bryant University Physician Assistant Program Vision

The Bryant University Physician Assistant program will:

- Graduate top performing physician assistants from a rigorous program
- Prepare physician assistant students to perform in any clinical environment
- Engage physician assistant students in the pursuit of lifelong learning
- Instill in our students a desire to seek roles in leadership
- Ensure commitment to furthering the success of our profession

## Goals of the Bryant University Physician Assistant Program

1. Prepare our physician assistant students to excel in all of the competencies required for PA practice by providing a rigorous and supportive program in which to develop the knowledge, interpersonal, clinical, and technical skills, professional behaviors, and clinical reasoning and problem solving abilities necessary to clinical care
2. Prepare our physician assistant students to meet the needs of our health care system by providing a strong primary care experience caring for under-served populations and by developing an understanding of the health care delivery and payment systems that affect health care access, outcomes, and potential disparities
3. Develop and support our physician assistant students' commitment and ability to serve in leadership roles as advocates for patients and the PA profession
4. Develop and strengthen our physician assistant students' skills and habits critical for life-long learning and continuous practice-based self-improvement
5. Facilitate achieving our program's mission, vision, and goals by integrating and supporting diverse perspectives throughout the curriculum, including global and inter-professional perspectives, in order to best serve the needs of our diverse patients and communities

## Bryant University Physician Assistant Program Accreditation Status

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted **Accreditation-Continued** status to the **Bryant University Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Bryant University**. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA *Standards*.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the *Standards*. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be **June 2028**.

The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation *Standards* and ARC-PA policy.

## Faculty

### Director of Physician Assistant Program

Jay Amrien, MPAS, PA-C  
Clinical Associate Professor

### Medical Director

Peter King, MD

### Associate Program Director

Christopher Furbee, DSc, PA-C

### Director of Clinical Education

Christopher Ferreira, MSPAS, PA-C

### Director of Didactic Education

Wendy Buja, MS, PA-C

### Director of Admissions and Academic Success

Kayla Cetrone, MEd

## Physician Assistant Program Curriculum Courses by Semester

The physician assistant program is a 27-month, 126 semester hour course of study leading to a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies degree.

The program consists of 9 terms:

### First Year

First Term		Credit Hours
PA 501	Physiology and Pathophysiology	3
PA 502	Clinical Pharmacology	3
PA 503	Human Anatomy	4
PA 504	Clinical Laboratory	2
PA 505	Research Methods	1
PA 506	Genetics	1
		Term Credit Hours
		14

### Second Term

PA 510	Clinical Medicine I	5
PA 511	Clinical Medicine II	5

PA 512	History and Physical Examination	3	PA 536	Clinical Correlations Three	2
PA 513	Electrocardiography			Term Credit Hours	23
PA 515	Behavioral Medicine	2		Total Credit Hours:	78
PA 516	Clinical Correlations One	2			
PA 524	Public Health and Dental Medicine	1	<b>Clinical Year</b>		
	Term Credit Hours	19	PA 601	Inpatient Internal Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
			PA 602	Outpatient Internal Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
<b>Third Term</b>			PA 603	Family Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 514	Diagnostic Testing and Imaging	1	PA 604	General Surgery Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 520	Clinical Medicine III	5	PA 605	Pediatrics Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 521	Clinical Medicine IV	5	PA 606	Obstetrics and Gynecology Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 522	Pediatrics	4	PA 607	Psychiatry Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 523	Orthopedics	4	PA 608	Emergency Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 525	Clinical Skills	1	PA 609	Orthopedics Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 526	Clinical Correlations Two	2	PA 610	Dermatology Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
	Term Credit Hours	22	PA 611	Elective Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
<b>Fourth Term</b>			PA 612	Mini Clinical Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	4
PA 530	Clinical Medicine V	5	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		
PA 531	Clinical Medicine VI	5			48
PA 532	Emergency Medicine	6			
PA 533	Surgery	3			
PA 534	Medical Ethics and Law	1			
PA 535	PA History and Professional Issues	1			