

Des Moines University

Disclosure Regarding Academic Curriculum Requirements for Licensure Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)

Physician Assistant is a licensed profession in all 50 states. To become licensed to practice as a Physician Assistant in all states, a student must graduate from a program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) and pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). DMU's Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) degree program is accredited by ARC-PA. The curriculum is designed to meet educational requirements to apply for PA licensure in every state and graduates are eligible to take the PANCE which is a requirement for initial licensure as a Physician Assistant in the US.

State requirements for licensure are subject to change. These statements and program completion do not guarantee licensure. DMU cannot provide verification of an individual's ability to meet licensure requirements unrelated to its educational program. Students are encouraged to review licensure requirements - including non-educational requirements such as certification/examination, work experience, background checks, etc. - for the states in which they intend to seek licensure. To find additional information on state requirements, see the state-specific licensure information and contacts provided by the American Association of Physician Associates (AAPA) or the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) at:

<https://www.aapa.org/advocacy-central/state-advocacy/state-licensing/list-of-licensing-boards/>
<https://www.nccpa.net/state-licensing-boards/>

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		Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?		
	State	Yes	No	State Professional Association or License Authority
1	Alabama	X		https://www.albme.gov/
2	Alaska	X		https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard.aspx
3	Arizona	X		http://www.azpa.gov/
4	Arkansas	X		http://www.armedicalboard.org/
5	California	X		https://www.pab.ca.gov/
6	Colorado	X		https://dpo.colorado.gov/Medical
7	Connecticut	X		https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Physician-Assistant/Physician-Assistant-Licensure
8	Delaware	X		https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/medicalpractice
9	District of Columbia	X		http://doh.dc.gov/node/166752
10	Florida	X		http://flboardofmedicine.gov/
11	Georgia	X		http://medicalboard.georgia.gov/
12	Hawaii	X		http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/medical/
13	Idaho	X		https://dopl.idaho.gov/bom/
14	Illinois	X		https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/physicianassistant.html
15	Indiana	X		https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/physician-assistant-home/physician-assistant-licensing-information/
16	Iowa	X		https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/health-professions/physician-associates
17	Kansas	X		https://www.ksbha.ks.gov/professions/physician-assistant-p-a
18	Kentucky	X		http://kbml.ky.gov/ah/Pages/Physician-Assistant.aspx
19	Louisiana	X		http://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/physician-assistants
20	Maine	X		https://www.maine.gov/md/licensure/pa-license
21	Maryland	X		https://www.mbp.state.md.us/licensure_licensing.aspx
22	Massachusetts	X		https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-physician-assistants
23	Michigan	X		https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/pa
24	Minnesota	X		https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/
25	Mississippi	X		http://www.msbml.ms.gov/Licensure/Physician_Assistant
26	Missouri	X		http://pr.mo.gov/physicianassistants.asp
27	Montana	X		https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/medical-examiners/
28	Nebraska	X		http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/physician-assistant.aspx
29	Nevada	X		http://medboard.nv.gov/Forms/PhysicianAsst/
30	New Hampshire	X		https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-medicine
31	New Jersey	X		http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pa/
32	New Mexico	X		http://www.nmmb.state.nm.us/
33	New York	X		https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions-index/medicine
34	North Carolina	X		http://www.ncmedboard.org/
35	North Dakota	X		https://www.ndbom.org/practitioners/
36	Ohio	X		http://www.med.ohio.gov/Apply/Physician-Assistant-PA
37	Oklahoma	X		http://www.okmedicalboard.org/physician_assistants
38	Oregon	X		https://www.oregon.gov/omb/pages/default.aspx?utm_source=OMB&utm_medium=egov_redirect&utm_campaign=www.oregon.gov%2Fomb%2Fpages%2Findex.aspx
39	Pennsylvania	X		https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/departments-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/medicine
40	Rhode Island	X		https://health.ri.gov/licensing
41	South Carolina	X		https://llr.sc.gov/med/
42	South Dakota	X		http://www.sdbmoe.gov/
43	Tennessee	X		https://www.tn.gov/health/licensure/pa.html
44	Texas	X		https://www.tmb.texas.gov/apply-renew/physician-assistant
45	Utah	X		https://dopl.utah.gov/physician-assistant/

46	Vermont	X		https://www.healthvermont.gov/systems/board-medical-practice
47	Virginia	X		http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/
48	Washington	X		https://wmc.wa.gov/
49	West Virginia	X		https://www.wvbdosteo.org/
50	Wisconsin	X		http://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/MEB/Default.aspx
51	Wyoming	X		https://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/
52	American Samoa	X		Health Services Regulatory Board, Executive Office Building, Pago Pago AS, 96799; (684) 633-1222, Fax: (684) 633-1869
53	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	X		https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/DOWNLOAD/6196
54	Guam	X		https://guamhplo.org/gbahe/about-gbahe
55	US Virgin Islands	X		https://www.vimedicalboard.org/
56	Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	X		https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/
57	Republic of the Marshall Islands		X	
58	Federal States of Micronesia		X	
59	Republic of Palau		X	