



Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Pre-PA Acceptance and Progression Requirements

August 2018 Cohort

Students with pre-PA status will be assigned to an appropriate level (1-3) based on previous coursework and available seats.

Once assigned an appropriate level (1-3), students with pre-PA status may not change levels without permission from the PAS Program Admissions and Progression Committee.

Summer coursework may be required for some students to complete levels 1-3 on schedule.

Immunology must be taken in level 4 and cannot be transferred into the program or taken in an earlier level.

The PAS program begins with level 4, at which time your status will be changed to PAS (level 4) student if all of the following criteria are successfully met:

- Minimum cumulative PAS prerequisite GPA* of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- All PAS prerequisite coursework must be completed within the last 7 years from the year starting the PAS program (level 4), except for General Chemistry and Developmental/Lifespan Development Psychology
- Full-time (12 credits) status maintained through all levels
- Possess or have the capability to earn a Bachelor's degree by the start of the second semester of the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program (MSPAS) (Level 4), Courses taken in the first semester of the PAS program may count as electives towards a CSM Bachelor's degree.
- Able to complete all MSPAS matriculation requirements within 6 months of entry into level 4. This includes requirements for immunizations, tuberculosis screening, physical examination, criminal background check, urine drug screening, and health insurance requirements.
- Must meet the minimum technical standards for the PAS program
- Achieve all PAS program admission criteria and follow the PAS admissions process and decisions
- Ability to meet college admission criteria to attend College of Saint Mary as a graduate student
- Healthcare experience preferred but not required

Any violation in the progression criteria above will result in the loss of your cohort seat in the PAS program. You will be able to complete your current program of study and may reapply to the PAS program (level 4).

Any violation of progression criteria may be appealed to the Admissions and Progression Committee for review, decision recommendation, and VPAA approval.

CSM pre-PA students are assigned to a specific future professional phase (PAS) cohort upon admission as a pre-PA status student and will have a seat in their assigned PAS cohort as long as all progression requirements are followed.

*Prerequisite GPA – Cumulative GPA of all PAS program prerequisite courses