



THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEDICINE



Objectives

After completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- Discuss the highlights of UT and the PA program
- Understand the minimum standards for application
- Describe the program process for interview selection and the on-campus interview
- Identify application cycle key dates
- Complete the supplemental application* and required supporting documents

Accreditation



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TAMPA JUNIOR COLLEGE
(FORMERLY TAMPA BAY HOTEL)

10,500
MEDIUM-SIZED UNIVERSITY
(APPROXIMATELY 10,500 STUDENTS)

DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

132 COUNTRIES & ALL 50 STATES

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Program Overview

- Cohort-based admission each fall
- 48 students accepted per cohort
- 27-month program
 - 7 consecutive semesters
- Full time curriculum
 - Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
 - Working while in the program is highly discouraged

Cohort Demographics

	Age	Gender Female/Male	Veteran	First Generation	UT Alumni	Florida Resident
Cohort 2019	30	64.6/35.4%	18.8%	22.92%	8.3%	54%
Cohort 2020	30	54.2/45.8%	22.9%	37.5%	6.3%	41.7%
Cohort 2021	30	54.2/45.8%	31.3%	68.8%	6.3%	41.7%
Cohort 2022	28	81.25/18.75%	12.50%	64.58%	8.33%	56.25%
Cohort 2023	28	64.58/35.42%	12.50%	41.67%	10.42%	72.92%
PAEA 2019 MSS	25	75/25%	5.2%	33.8%	NR	NR
PAEA REPORT #35 2020	25	72.2/26.4%	NR	NR	NR	NR

Cohort Demographics

	Not Reported	African American	American Indian/ Alaskan	Asian	Caucasian	Hispanic	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2 or More
Cohort 2019	4.2%	8.3%	2.1%	12.5%	70.1%	4.2%	0%	2.8%
Cohort 2020	0%	8.3%	0%	20.8%	72.9%	22.9%	0%	22.9%
Cohort 2021		18.8%	0%	14.6%	54.2%	20.8%	0%	
Cohort 2022		16.67%	0%	10.42%	72.92%	22.92%	0%	33.33%
Cohort 2023		14.58%	0%	10.42%	64.58%	18.75%	0%	22.92%
PAEA 2019 MSS		3.9%	1.3%	11.9%	86.2%	9.1%	0.6%	7.2%
PAEA REPORT #35 2020	9.4%	3.9%	0.5%	9.9%	69.4%	7.6%	1.6%	2.2%

Average GPA of Matriculated Cohort

	GPA- Undergraduate	GPA-Last 60	GPA- Pre-req
Cohort 2019 matriculated	3.45	3.59	3.52
Cohort 2020 matriculated	NR	3.70	3.61
Cohort 2021 matriculated	3.31	3.71	3.61
Cohort 2022 matriculated	3.35	3.66	3.60
Cohort 2023 matriculated	3.30	3.62	3.57
PAEA 2019 MSS	3.63	NR	NR
PAEA REPORT #35 2020	3.58	NR	3.52 (Science)

Graduate Degree Preference

	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Doctoral Degree
Cohort 2019	75%	20.8%	4.2%
Cohort 2020	87.5%	10.4%	2.1%
Cohort 2021	70.8%	29.2% (Post-grad degree)	
Cohort 2022	87.5%	12.5% (Post-grad degree)	
Cohort 2023	75%	25% (Post-grad degree)	
PAEA 2019 MSS	87.0%	7.9%	0.5%
PAEA REPORT #35 2020	NR	NR	NR

Cohort Patient Care Experience Preference

	Professional License	Employed in Patient Care	Mean Patient Care Hours
Cohort 2019	45.8%	87.5%	5,424.2
Cohort 2020		100%	10,188.8
Cohort 2021	43.8%	100%	10,412.8
Cohort 2022	33.33%	100%	9384.48
Cohort 2023	25%	100%	8357.40
PAEA 2019 MSS	NR	90.5%	3120 (Mdn)
PAEA REPORT #35 2020	NR	NR	3240 (Mdn)



Program Highlights

- “Didactic Interprofessional Seminar” curricular phase
- State-of-the-art facilities
 - Simulation lab including Anatomage table and Syndaver cadavers
- Hands-on human cadaver experience
- Clinical rotations located in the Central Florida region
- PA program is its own department with dedicated faculty

Accreditation Status

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted **Accreditation-Continued** status to **The University of Tampa Department of Physician Assistant Medicine Program** sponsored by **The University of Tampa**.

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 **March 2034**. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation *Standards* and ARC-PA policy.

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-university-of-tampa>.

PANCE Pass Rate



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Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination Exam Performance Summary Report

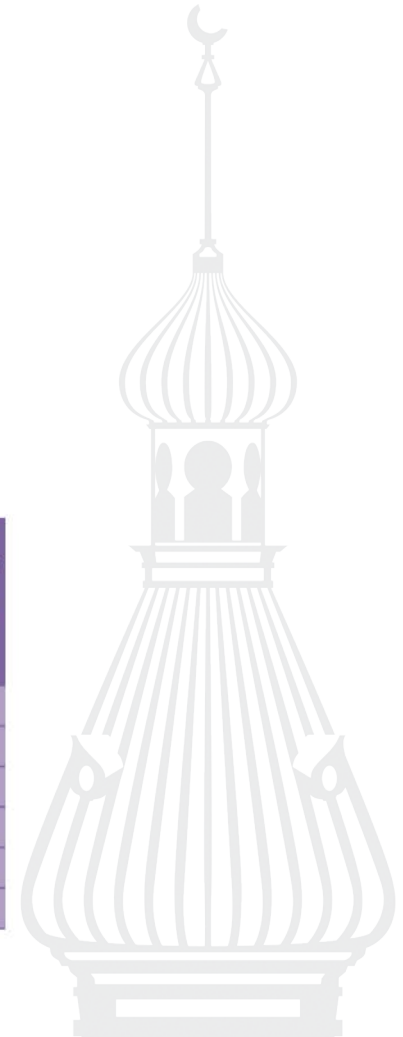
Program Name: University of Tampa

Program Number: 6093

Test Taker Status: All Test Takers

Definitions of the report headings are provided at the end of the report.
All information is current as of the date the report was generated unless otherwise specified.

Class	Class Graduation Year	Group	Number of Candidates Who Took PANCE	Number of Exam Attempts	Number of Exams Passed	Program Exam Pass Rate	National Exam Pass Rate for the Class Graduation Year	% of Candidates Who Ultimately Passed PANCE
2019 Cohort	2021	All Takers	47	67	45	67%	91%	96%
		First Time Takers	47	47	37	79%	93%	96%
2020 Cohort	2022	All Takers	42	52	42	81%	89%	100%
		First Time Takers	42	42	32	76%	92%	100%
2021 Cohort	2023	All Takers	42	43	39	91%	89%	93%
		First Time Takers	42	42	38	90%	92%	93%



Attrition Report

	Graduated Classes		
	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Maximum entering class size (as approved by ARC-PA)	48	48	48
Entering class size	48	48	48
Graduates	47	42	42
*Attrition rate	2%	12.5%	12.5%
**Graduation rate	98%	87.5%	87.5%

Rates will be calculated as follows:

*Attrition rate calculation per ARC-PA:

Number of students who attritted from cohort divided by the entering class size.

**Graduation rate per ARC-PA:

Number of cohort graduates divided by the entering class size.

**Graduation is held annually in December.

Clinical Rotations

- Students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors
- All clinical rotations are located within the state of Florida

Required Rotations (7-5 wk)

- Family Medicine
- Inpatient Medicine
- Emergency Medicine
- Women's Health Medicine
- Pediatric Medicine
- Surgical Medicine
- Behavioral Medicine

Elective Experiences (2-4 wk)

- Any traditional medical specialty

Rotation Site Affiliations

- Tampa General Hospital
- Tampa General Medical Group
- HCA West Florida
- BayCare Medical Group
- Florida Orthopedic Institute
- Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
- AdventHealth Tampa

Minimum Qualifications

- 3.0 last 60 credit hours GPA
- 3.0 prerequisite course GPA
- PA-CAT taken, and scores reported by December 1
- All prerequisite courses completed by December 1
- Undergraduate degree conferred by July 1, 2025
- Meet at least 2 program preferences
- No history of felony convictions
- No patient care experience required, but encouraged
- No PA shadowing is required, but encouraged
- Professional behavior throughout the application process in all interactions

Program Preferences

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements AND at least 2 of the following to be considered for an interview:

- Direct patient care experience > 750 hours
- Work experience or research hours > 500 hours
- Community service/mission work > 250 hours
- Leadership activities \geq 1 year
- First generation college student
(you or your siblings are the first in your family to earn a Bachelor's degree)
- Graduate degree earned in any discipline by time of application or December 1, 2024
- Military service. Veterans must have an honorable or entry-level discharge.
- University of Tampa alumni

(Pre-req GPA, last 60 GPA and PA-CAT scaled score performance are weighted in the application scoring, but do not serve as preference requirements)



Rolling Admissions

- One verified application deadline
 - **December 1, 2024, for final consideration**
 - Numbers interviewed
 - 80 interviewed in total and 48 selected
- There is a numerical **advantage** to *applying early* and getting admitted
- There is *no preference* for Florida residents

Required Prerequisite Courses

- **General Biology I and II* with lab**

(*may substitute Cell Biology, Genetics, Immunology, Virology or Biochemistry**)

- **General Chemistry I and II* with lab**

(*may substitute Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry**)

- **Anatomy & Physiology I and II with lab**

– Alternative can be a separate anatomy with lab and physiology with lab

- **Microbiology with lab** (one course)

- **Statistics course** (one course) covering parametric and non-parametric statistics

- The program accepts AP and CLEP credit for prerequisites listed above, but the applicant must replace the waived course with a similar type course (e.g., Gen Bio I AP credit given and substituted with Genetics with lab course). A PA Program Petition form must be completed and forwarded to the program for review

** Cannot double-dip

Prerequisite Requirements

- Must be completed at a regionally accredited institution with a B-(BC) or better
- Must be completed by time of application or December 1, 2024. The program does not allow outstanding prereqs beyond the application deadline
- Grade forgiveness: we take the highest grade for retaken prerequisite courses
- Minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0 and may not be waived
- Courses greater than ten years from the date of graduation (degree during which prerequisites were completed) will not be accepted unless the applicant has provided direct patient care for at least 4,000 hours within the last 10 years from December 1 of the year applied
- Community college courses and online courses are acceptable



Selecting Prerequisites

- Only highlight the required prerequisites and respective labs with the highest grades. This is consistent with our grade forgiveness policy
- Do not highlight any repeated courses with lower grades or substitute any courses for which a petition form hasn't been submitted. This slows your application down from being reviewed and may delay an interview offer



PA-CAT

- Exam has predictive value in identifying applicants that may have difficulty in classes and passing PANCE
- Exam is **required**
- Exam must be completed, and score reported as soon as possible, but no later than Dec. 1st
- It can take Exam Master 3 weeks to report score so plan accordingly
- Scaled score is weighted in the admissions decision
- PA-CAT website <https://www.pa-cat.com/>

Application Requirements

- General CASPA application
- 3 letters of recommendation. Review first 3 submitted if more than 3 sent
- Personal Statement
- UT-specific supplemental questions within CASPA
- *NO* supplemental application fee
- UT-specific required documents
 - *TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo, if applicable* and uploaded with application
 - *NACES evaluation, if applicable* and uploaded with application
 - *DD 214 forms, if applicable* and uploaded with application
 - *PA Program Petition form, if applicable* and emailed to pam@ut.edu
- Send an email to pam@ut.edu alerting us of any changes to your application after you have submitted the application but not later than Dec. 1st
- The changes should also be uploaded to CASPA

Interviews

- On-campus interview is required
(four traditional interview stations with a group evaluation)
- *Interviews will be held on Fridays from Sept. 2024 to Jan. 2025
- Selected applicants will be notified via email approx. three weeks in advance of interview date
- The program will interview 80 applicants in 5 sessions
- The program will select applicants for admission from each interview date (for a maximum of 48)

*We recommend applicants submit a complete application at least two months prior to the interview month they are applying for, but no later than the CASPA verified deadline for the program of Dec. 1, 2024.

Key Dates Depending on Admit Deadline

- **April 25, 2024:** CASPA application opens
- **December 1, 2024:** CASPA application must be verified, all prerequisites completed, graduate degree completed, PA-CAT score reported and supporting documents are due (considered for January interview)
- Interview invitations are extended on a first come first serve basis to the most qualified applicants
- Interviews will be held on Fridays from Sept. 2024 to Jan. 2025
- Acceptance decisions are extended within one week following each interview
- Deposit deadline: Two weeks after interview date
- **July 1, 2025:** Undergraduate degree must be conferred



Waitlist

- Only interviewed applicants are eligible and will be compiled after all interviews are completed
- The waitlist is available online starting January 2025
- Applicants will be listed by CASPA ID #
- The list will be updated regularly
- Offers will be extended via email and deposit must be submitted within 72 hours

Program Costs

Cohort 2025-2027

Tuition:

\$15,996 per semester

Fees:

\$1,560 per semester

**Total projected
tuition and fees
for the 27-month
program:**
\$122,892

*Tuition and fees for
the 2025-2027 Cohort
are anticipated

Items covered include:

- All textbooks
- Personal computer
- BLS/ACLS/PALS certifications
- White lab coat (The cost of one lab coat only is covered by the program).
- One set of program-required scrubs
- Software/equipment required for ultrasound training, EKG training, virtual patient cases, logging of clinical experiences and high-stakes testing
- Professional organization membership (*one AAPA and FAPA*)
- Gross anatomy lab fees and equipment
- Simulation lab fees

Note: Each student will be required to purchase a stethoscope. Student is responsible for repeat urine drug screens, criminal background checks, TB skin tests and immunizations required for clinical placement.



Next Steps

How do I learn more about the program to help me apply?

Our intent is to have the PA Program website, Frequently Asked Questions, Class Admission Profile and Virtual Advising Sessions to assist applicants in completing the CASPA and program supplemental application.

- [PA Program Website](#)
- [PA Program Petition Form](#)
- pam@ut.edu

Professionalism throughout the application process is evaluated

**THANK YOU
AND GOOD LUCK!**