

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

The mission of the Physician Assistant program is to develop students to become confident, competent, compassionate and culturally responsive medical providers. The intensive 27-month program prepares students to provide preventative care, develop treatment plans, and perform medical procedures necessary for entry-level medical practice. Graduates of this program will also have the background to teach, conduct research, or engage in healthcare administration.

The 15-month didactic phase of the program is focused on student learning of medical knowledge and skill building. The 12-month clinical phase is focused on the application of medical knowledge and skills through clinical field placements in various healthcare settings while being precepted by medical professionals.

Graduates of the Physician Assistant program are eligible to take the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam prior to obtaining a license to practice.

Program in Physician Assisting

Master's:

M.S. in Physician Assistant (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-health-sciences/graduate-programs/physician-assistant/physician-assistant-ms/>)

BIOL 600 • Human Gross Anatomy & Histology 4 Credits

Human anatomy for physician assistant students takes a regional approach to the study of human anatomy. Students dissect human cadavers. Incorporated into the course content concerning anatomical structures will be a brief examination of histological structure, nervous system structure, and basic function.

Corequisites: BIOL 600L.

BIOL 600L • Human Gross Anatomy and Histology Lab 2 Credits

Laboratory experience accompanying BIOL 600.

Corequisites: BIOL 600. *Special Notes:* This course includes a \$50 fee.

BIOL 610 • Human Medical Physiology 3 Credits

Geared toward graduate students to learn and gain knowledge in the physiological principles. These concepts are essential for further progress in understanding mechanisms of disease and body systems. This understanding is essential for clinical medicine. Weekly problem solving discussions will emphasize clinical application of physiologic concepts.

BIOL 620 • Pharmacology & Therapeutics I 3 Credits

This is the first course in a series of three clinical pharmacology courses taught in a systems-based approach with the Clinical Medicine series. Exploration of clinical implications of pharmacology for these topics (but not limited to): hematologic, cardiovascular, pulmonary, genitourinary, and renal.

Prerequisites: BIOL 600, BIOL 600L, BIOL 610, PHAS 601, PHAS 601L, PHAS 611.

BIOL 621 • Medical Pathophysiology I 2 Credits

This is the first of three pathophysiology courses offered concurrently with the Clinical Medicine series. Pathophysiology at the molecular, cellular, organ, and total body levels will be applied in each organ system. Systems covered include, but are not limited to: hematologic, cardiovascular, pulmonary, genitourinary, and renal.

Prerequisites: BIOL 600, BIOL 600L, BIOL 610, PHAS 601, PHAS 601L, PHAS 612.

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BIOL 630 • Pharmacology & Therapeutics II 4 Credits

This is the second course in a series of three clinical pharmacology courses taught in a systems-based approach with the Clinical Medicine series. Exploration of clinical implications of pharmacology for these topics (but not limited to); dermatologic, endocrine, neurologic, psychiatric, musculoskeletal/rheumatologic, gastrointestinal, and geriatric.

Prerequisites: BIOL 620.

BIOL 631 • Medical Pathophysiology II 2 Credits

This is the second of three pathophysiology courses offered concurrently with the Clinical Medicine series. Pathophysiology at the molecular, cellular, organ, and total body levels will be discussed in each body system. Systems covered include (but are not limited to); dermatologic, endocrine, neurologic, psychiatric, musculoskeletal/rheumatologic, gastrointestinal, and geriatric.

Prerequisites: BIOL 621.

BIOL 640 • Pharmacology and Therapeutics III 2 Credits

This is the third course in a series of three clinical pharmacology courses taught in a systems-based approach with the Clinical Medicine series. Exploration of clinical implications of pharmacology focusing on, but not limited to, these areas: women's health, pediatrics, surgery, ENT/ophthalmology/allergy, and emergency medicine.

Prerequisites: BIOL 630.

PHAS 601 • Introduction to History and Physical Examination 2 Credits

The first of four sequential courses designed to facilitate the development of medical history taking, physical examination skills, patient communication, clinical problem solving, clinical procedures, and ethical/legal considerations for the physician assistant. Focuses on history taking and physical examination in the healthy adult.

Corequisites: PHAS 601L. *Malpractice Fee:* \$96.

PHAS 601L • Introduction to History and Physical Examination Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying PHAS 601.

Corequisites: PHAS 601. *Exam fee:* \$50.

PHAS 602 • Patient Assessment and Diagnostics I 2 Credits

The second of four sequential courses designed to facilitate the development of medical history taking, physical examination skills, patient communication, clinical problem solving, clinical procedures, and ethical/legal considerations for the physician assistant. Focus is on physical examination skills and procedures that coincide with topics in PHAS 612.

Prerequisites: BIOL 600, BIOL 600L, BIOL 610, PHAS 601, PHAS 601L, PHAS 611. *Corequisites:* PHAS 602L. *Malpractice insurance fee:* \$96.

PHAS 602L • Patient Assessment and Diagnostics Lab I 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying PHAS 602.

Corequisites: PHAS 602. *Allofe fee:* \$50.

PHAS 603 • Patient Assessment and Diagnostics II 3 Credits

The third of four sequential courses designed to facilitate the development of medical history taking, physical examination skills, patient communication, clinical problem solving, clinical procedures, and ethical/legal considerations for the physician assistant. Focus is on physical examination skills and procedures that coincide with topics in PHAS 613.

Prerequisites: PHAS 602. *Corequisites:* PHAS 603L. *Malpractice insurance fee:* \$96.

PHAS 603L • Patient Assessment and Diagnostics Lab II 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying PHAS 603.

Corequisites: PHAS 603. *Lab fee:* \$50.

PHAS 604 • Patient Assessment & Diagnostics III 1 Credit

The fourth of four sequential courses designed to facilitate the development of medical history taking, physical examination skills, patient communication, clinical problem solving, clinical procedures, and ethical/legal considerations for the physician assistant. Focus on physical examination skills and procedures that coincide with topics in PHAS 614.

Prerequisites: PHAS 603. *Corequisites:* PHAS 604L. *Malpractice insurance fee:* \$100.

PHAS 604L • Patient Assessment and Diagnostics Lab III 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying PHAS 604.

Corequisites: PHAS 604. *Special Notes:* This course includes a \$75 fee.

PHAS 611 • Foundation to Clinical Medicine 4 Credits

Designed as an introduction to clinical medicine topics, foundation for future clinical medicine courses is laid by helping the student understand and apply fundamental concepts to patient care. Topics presented include radiological imaging, infectious disease, oncology, genetics, and fundamentals of pharmacology, immunology, preventative medicine, and laboratory studies.

PHAS 612 • Clinical Medicine I 6 Credits

The first of a three-course sequence, which provides students with a systematic approach to the etiology, epidemiology, manifestations, laboratory and diagnostic studies, prognosis, and treatment of disease. Focus on, but is not limited to, hematological, cardiovascular, pulmonary, genitourinary, and renal systems.

Prerequisites: BIOL 600, BIOL 600L, BIOL 610, PHAS 601, PHAS 601L, PHAS 611. *\$125 MAPA and AAPA Membership fee.*

PHAS 613 • Clinical Medicine II 7 Credits

The second of a three-course sequence, which provides students with a systematic approach to the etiology, epidemiology, manifestations, laboratory and diagnostic studies, and prognosis and treatment of specific diseases. Focus on, but is not limited to, dermatologic, endocrine, neurologic, psychiatric, musculoskeletal, rheumatologic, gastrointestinal systems, and geriatrics.

Prerequisites: PHAS 612.

PHAS 614 • Clinical Medicine III 5 Credits

The third of a three-course sequence, which provides students with a systematic approach to the etiology, epidemiology, manifestations, laboratory and diagnostic studies, and prognosis and treatment of specific diseases. Focus on, but is not limited to: women's health, pediatrics, ENT/ophthalmology/allergy, surgery, and emergency medicine.

Prerequisites: PHAS 613. *ACLS/BCLS fee:* \$340, *PACKRAT fee:* \$40.

PHAS 620 • Evidence-Based Medicine and Research I 3 Credits

Development of skills for effective identification, appraisal, and application of medical literature to healthcare practices. Application of appropriate methodology and mechanics to original, publishable writing. Discussion of current ethical, regulatory, legal considerations in medical practice.

PHAS 625 • Clinical Reasoning I 2 Credits

Designed for first-year physician assistant (PA) students, the first of two Clinical Reasoning courses designed to develop PA students' problem-solving, patient assessment, and interpersonal communication. Using problem-based learning methods, material corresponds with modules of PA clinical medicine and exposes students to an array of medical, social, and ethical issues.

PHAS 627 • Clinical Reasoning II 2 Credits

Designed for first-year physician assistant (PA) students, the second of two Clinical Reasoning courses designed to develop PA students' problem-solving, patient assessment, and interpersonal communication. Using problem-based learning methods, this course corresponds with modules of PA clinical medicine and exposes students to an array of medical, social, and ethical issues.

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PHAS 630 • Patient-Centered Care and Applied Medical Ethics 3 Credits

Examines cultural humility, diversity, social determinants of health, and patient advocacy. Analyzes ethical principles in healthcare and applies them to clinical and professional scenarios, including reproductive technologies, allocation of care, end-of-life issues, confidentiality, and conduct. Reviews preventive medicine guidelines for screening and risk stratification in diverse populations.

PHAS 632 • PA Professional Practice Issues 2 Credits

Development of professional attributes required by practicing physician assistants including the licensure and credentialing process. Discussion of current trends and the impact of history on the physician assistant role. Analysis of potential physician assistant leadership issues through one's individual worldview.

PHAS 635 • Clinical Rotation Skills and Orientation 3 Credits

Prepares students for clinical rotations and practice, emphasizing professional behaviors, attitudes, and processes. Demonstrates understanding of rotation policies and requirements and engages with clinical faculty in preparation for the clinical year. Uses patient simulations to develop and assess clinical and professional skills.

PHAS 640 • Evidence-Based Medicine and Research II 3 Credits

Application of medical literature to health care, developing skills for statistical analysis, evidence-based medicine (EBM), and publishable writing. Emphasis on application of EBM to risk management, patient safety, and quality improvement.

PHAS 677 • Practical Experience Extension 0 Credit

Extension course for continued enrollment following the term in which a masters level PHAS internship, practicum, clinical or other experiential course was taken, required when there are outstanding hours to be completed.

PHAS 710 • Clinical Field Placements I 12 Credits

Assignment to a combination of clinical rotations selected from emergency medicine, family practice, internal medicine, women's health, pediatrics, psychiatry/behavioral medicine, general surgery, and two elective rotations. Participation required in the seven core/required rotations and two elective rotations by the end of the clinical field placement series.

Special Notes: This course includes a \$221 fee.

PHAS 720 • Clinical Field Placements II 15 Credits

Ongoing clinical training. Assignment to a combination of clinical rotations selected from emergency medicine, family practice, internal medicine, women's health, pediatrics, psychiatry/behavioral medicine, general surgery, and two elective rotations. Participation is required in the seven required rotations and two elective rotations by the end of the clinical field placement series.

Special Notes: This course includes a \$221 fee.

PHAS 730 • Clinical Field Placements III 9 Credits

Continues clinical training with rotations in emergency medicine, family practice, internal medicine, women's health, pediatrics, psychiatry/behavioral medicine, general surgery, and two electives. Completes seven core and two elective rotations. Includes the program's overall summative evaluation of student performance.

Special Notes: This course includes a \$221 fee.

PHAS 791 • PA Capstone and Summative Exams 2 Credits

Summative assessment of student knowledge, skills and ability to integrate a personalized plan for applying their worldview to the practice of medicine. Preparation for certification and licensure upon graduation including job applications. Evaluation of medical knowledge and skills through summative assessment steps 1 - 4.

Fee: \$250 End of Curriculum Exam.