



PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

A Physician Assistant (PA) is a healthcare professional who supports a physician. Activities may include carrying out physical exams, ordering and interpreting tests, diagnosing and treating illness, writing prescriptions, providing counsel or educating patients on preventive health care measures. The PA is not an independent practitioner; he/she works under the direction of a supervising physician.

YOUR EDUCATION

Years 1-4: Pre-Physician Assistant at The University of Winnipeg

Each PA program has its own entrance requirements. To meet the entrance requirements of the Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program at the University of Manitoba, you must:

- Complete a four-year or honours Bachelor's degree from The University of Winnipeg including all of the specified MPAS prerequisite courses.
- Maintain a minimum overall 3.0/B+ average in last 60 credit hours (within two years). Please note that admission into this program is highly competitive; achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher is strongly encouraged.
- The specific degree (BA, BSc, etc.) you earn is your choice and will depend on your course selection and interests, but the MPAS program recommends degrees in a health science related field. Regardless of degree, you must complete the required courses for MPAS below.

Years 5-6: Professional Studies: Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)

- After you complete your pre-professional studies at UWinnipeg, you will apply for admission to the MPAS program through the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Manitoba.
- Enrolment is limited, and only highly qualified applicants are chosen. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or Permanent residents. Admission is based on academic achievement, the CASPer Situational Judgement Test, statement of intent (formal essay), and t

