



Wayne  
County  
Community  
College  
District

# Pre-Physician Assistant

## PAY

The median annual wage for physician assistants was \$112,260 in May 2019.

## JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of physician assistants is projected to grow 31 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. Increased demand for healthcare services from the growing and aging population and widespread chronic disease, combined with a shortage of physicians, will result in increased demand for healthcare providers, such as physician assistants.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, May 2020, Physician Assistants, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistants.htm>*

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Pre-Physician Assistant program is designed to prepare students for transfer to a Physician Assistant program at a four-year college or university. The curriculum is academically rigorous and provides the knowledge base necessary to complete the baccalaureate degree and continue to the master's degree level physician assistant curriculum.

## WHAT DO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS DO?

Physician Assistants, also known as PAs, practice medicine under the direction of physicians and surgeons. They are formally trained to examine patients, diagnose injuries and illnesses, and provide treatment.

## WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Physician Assistants work in physicians' offices, hospitals, and other healthcare settings. Most work full-time.



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## Recommended Sequence of Courses

### Pre-Physician Assistant:

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

CR. No.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
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#### **SEMESTER 1**

ALH 110	Medical Terminology . . . . .	3
ENG 119	English I . . . . .	3
Elective:	Humanities . . . . .	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology . . . . .	3

**SEMESTER TOTAL . . . . .12**

#### **SEMESTER 2**

ALH 230	Ethics for Allied Health . . . . .	3
BIO 155	Introductory Biology . . . . .	4
ENG 120	English II . . . . .	3
Elective:	Social Science . . . . .	3

**SEMESTER TOTAL . . . . .13**

#### **SEMESTER 3**

BIO 240	Human Anatomy and Physiology . . . . .	4
CHM 136	General Chemistry . . . . .	4
DT 130	Fundamentals of Nutrition . . . . .	3
SPH 101	Fundamentals of Speech . . . . .	3

**SEMESTER TOTAL . . . . .14**

#### **SEMESTER 4**

BIO 250	Human Anatomy and Physiology II . . . . .	4
CHM 145	General Chemistry II . . . . .	4
Elective:	Humanities . . . . .	3
PS 101	American Government . . . . .	3

**SEMESTER TOTAL . . . . .14**

#### **SEMESTER 5**

BIO 295	Microbiology . . . . .	4
CHM 155	Survey Organic and Biochemistry . . . . .	4

**SEMESTER TOTAL . . . . .8**

**A.A.S. PROGRAM TOTAL . . . . .61**

*Note: Program total hours may not include prerequisites.*

**Special Note:** *Students without health care experience are recommended to participate in Emergency Medical Technology certificate programs in addition to Pre-Physician Assistant transfer degree curriculum.*

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