## School of Health Professions

# Physician Assistant Post Professional (MS)

18-24 Months Full Time Program



The Schools of Health Professions and Public Health are proud to continue collaboration on the SUNY Downstate PA Master's Completion Program. This program successfully commenced in the Spring 2020 semester, and is in response to longtime alumni interest in a homegrown MS postprofessional program.

The PA Master's Completion program provides the opportunity for Downstate PA and other PA graduates who currently possess the BS degree to attain the minimum entry Master's degree adopted by the PA profession after the year 2020.

Structured as a joint program with the School of Public Health, our 30-credit completion program confers graduates with the advantage of acquiring public health epidemiological skills that are relevant to practice evidence-based medicine and to assume leadership roles as a PA.

This online program is also intended to accommodate the busy working schedule of practicing PAs. The cost of this program is very affordable; to defray tuition costs, graduates may take advantage of professional development funds from respective places of employment. This 30-credit MS completion program combines courses specifically selected to improve the clinical impact and marketability of practicing PAs along with a 15-credit block of courses designed to give graduates a solid foundation in the core public health disciplines.

It can be conveniently completed over an 18–24 month period or earlier and with the eventual thesis or master's project tailored to a student's area of clinical practice or public health interest.

Students who successfully complete the PA Master's Completion program will be awarded an MS degree and an Advanced Certificate in Public Health.



### Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our summer start program.
- Sign up to attend an Information
  Session (bring copies of all college transcripts for prerequisite evaluation)
- Prepare an academic completion plan for any outstanding prerequisites
- Assess the best time to apply; early applications are encouraged
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program
- For additional information, please visit the website

#### Steps to apply

- Download and Read the Application
  Instructions
- 2. Check the Deadline on our website
- Prepare Your Documentation.You may be required to upload documents related to your application
- 4. Submit Your Application via: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3xuftyk7">https://tinyurl.com/3xuftyk7</a>
- 5. Check Your Status.

Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status

#### See reverse for requirements >



Scan the QR code to visit the school's website or:

https://tinyurl.com/downstate-PA

#### **Admission Requirements**

- Baccalaureate degree in PA education from an ARC-PA accredited PA program or institution.
- Applicants may be required to hold or be eligible to obtain a license to practice as a Physician Assistant or eligibility for such licensure.
- Two letters of recommendations are required. The letters must be from the following:
  - A director of the Physician Assistant program from where you graduated; or a professional colleague.
  - A current supervising physician.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5/4.0 from an accredited Physician Assistant Program.
- Candidates should have successfully completed the following two courses:
  - Research Methods (any course in Research Methodology will be reviewed for acceptance).
  - Health Care Delivery (any course in Health Care Delivery will be reviewed for acceptance).
- Applicants must maintain active clinical practice experience.
- A copy of your current resume/CV.

**Note**: A personal interview with the Admissions Committee may be implemented in the review process. No transfer credits or applications for advanced standing will be accepted.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

Refer to the website for the most current information: https://tinyurl.com/downstate-PA