

La Roche College

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM GUIDE

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science (Duquesne University) Department: Health Science

DEGREE: Master of Physician Assistant Studies (Duquesne University) Department: Health Science

Student Name _____

I.D. Number _____

____ First Year Student

____ Change of Major

____ Transfer

____ Readmit

Unofficial Eval Completed by/date: _____

This is the **unofficial evaluation** of your credits to date including transfer credits (if applicable) in your chosen major. **This evaluation is official when all official transcripts for all previous college work are received; and reviewed and approved for transferability by the Registrar's Office.** Beginning with your first semester of enrollment, your Degree Audit Report in My.LaRoche will automatically track your progress toward your degree, and guide you in planning future class schedules. Review your updated Degree Audit Report with your advisor prior to registering each semester.

PURPOSE: A major in Health Science Physician is meant to prepare students for a career as Physician Assistants. Physician Assistants (PA) are health professionals licensed to practice medicine in collaboration with physicians. Physician Assistants are qualified by graduation from an accredited Physician Assistant education program and certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Within the physician/PA relationship, physician assistants exercise autonomy in medical decision-making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. The clinical role of physician assistants includes primary and specialty care in both medical and surgical practice settings. Physician assistant practice is centered on patient care, but may also include educational, research and administrative activities. For additional information on the physician assistant profession, visit the website of the American Academy of Physician Assistants at www.aapa.org

LA ROCHE COLLEGE/ DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM: The La Roche College/Duquesne University Physician

Assistant program is a five-year program, culminating in a Master of Physician Assistant degree from Duquesne. The requirements for admission to this program include a minimum high school QPA of 3.0, a SAT score of 1100 (math+ critical reading) or a composite ACT score of 24, a minimum of 7 units of mathematics and science, evidence of extracurricular activities during high school, and knowledge of the physician assistant profession as evidenced by documented shadowing experiences with a physician assistant in various clinical settings.

Students in this program complete the 63 credit pre-professional phase during the first two years of study at La Roche College. Students are required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 QPA, and 3.0 QPA in science/mathematics courses, with no course below a C. All science and math courses in the pre-professional phase must be taken at La Roche College. The progress of each student will be reviewed at the end of each year by a La Roche Pre-Professional Committee, consisting of select full-time science faculty at La Roche College. Each candidate must be recommended by the Pre-Professional Committee for advancement to the Professional Phase before s/he can apply for transfer admission to Duquesne University.

Students accepted into the Professional Phase complete three years of full-time study at Duquesne University. Upon successful completion of the fourth year, students who have not already earned a Bachelor's degree will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Health Science from Duquesne University. Upon successful completion of the fifth year, students will be awarded a Master of Physician Assistant degree from Duquesne. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination. In order to maintain certification, physician assistants must complete the 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years and pass the National Recertification Examination every six years.

Duquesne's Physician Assistant program, housed within the John G. Rangos School of Health Sciences, is a fully accredited five-year entry-level Master's degree program. For further information, visit the Duquesne University Physician Assistant website at www.healthsciences.duq.edu/pa/pahome.html

REQUIREMENTS: To successfully complete the Physician Assistant major, the following coursework is required:

- 30 credits of Science and Mathematics courses
- 33 credits of Additional courses
- A minimum number of 63 credits are required to complete the Pre-Professional phase at La Roche College prior to transferring to the Professional Phase at Duquesne University.

I. Admissions Criteria for Duquesne program

Criteria	Minimum	Student Score
High School GPA	3.0	
High School Coursework	7 units of math/science	
SAT (math & critical reading)	1100	
ACT (composite)	24	
Shadowing experiences	Recommended but not required	
CPR Certification	Must be current when entering Duquesne University (Year III)	

Candidates will be reviewed at the end of Year I. Those candidates not maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.0 will not be allowed to continue in the LRC/Duquesne Physician Assistant Studies program but will be able to continue at LRC to earn BA Health Science degree. Only top 2 candidates as determined by a Faculty Pre-professional Health Committee will be approved to transition to Duquesne for the professional phase of the program.

Year I approval: _____ [Upon approval, candidate may apply to Duquesne]
(Health Science program coordinator/date)

II. Science & Mathematics Courses: 30 credits

Semester	LRC Course #	LRC Course Title	Credit	Equivalent Duquesne course
	BIOL1003	General Biology I	3	111: Biology I
	BIOL1005	General Biology I Lab	1	111L: Biology I Lab
	BIOL1004	General Biology II	3	112: Biology II
	BIOL1006	General Biology II Lab	1	112L: Biology II Lab
	CHEM1007	Principles of Chemistry I	3	131: Fundamentals of Chemistry I
	CHEM1008	Principles of Chemistry I Lab	1	131L: Fundamentals of Chemistry I Lab
	CHEM1017	Principles of Chemistry II	3	132: Fundamentals of Chemistry II
	CHEM1018	Principles of Chemistry II Lab	1	132L: Fundamentals of Chemistry II Lab
	BIOL1015	Microbiology for Health Sciences	3	203: Introductory Microbiology
	BIOL1015L	Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab	1	204: Introductory Microbiology Lab
	PHYS1010/L	Physics for Health Science/Lab	4	201/L: Physics for Life Science I
	MATH1040 or MATH1004	Probability and Statistics Statistics in Health Care	3	225: Intro to Biostatistics
	SLSC1005/12	Introduction to Computer Science	3	100: Elements of Computer Science

III. Additional Courses: 33 credits

Semester	LRC Course #	LRC Course Title	Credit	Equivalent Duquesne course
	ENGL1011	College Writing I	3	Thinking and Writing Across the Curriculum
	ENGL1012	College Writing II	3	Imaginative Literature & Creative Writing
	PHIL1021	Introduction to Philosophy	3	132: Basic Philosophical Questions
	PHIL3027	Biomedical Ethics	3	254: Health Care Ethics: Philosophy
	MATH1010	College Algebra	3	Prereq for MATH1040
	ADMG3024 or SPCH 1001	Professional Presentations or Public Speaking	3	203: Communication & Professional Civility
	PSYC1021	Introduction to Psychology	3	103: Introduction to Psychology
			3	Theology Core Course
			3	Creative Arts Core Course
			3	Global Diversity Core Course
			3	Social Justice Core Course
		Note: MUST BE TAKEN AT DUQUESNE in Year III		Faith and Reason Core Course

A QPA of 3.0 is required for all pre-professional coursework, and no grade may be lower than C.

Menu of La Roche Courses Which Fulfill Duquesne University Core Curriculum Requirements

Theology: Any religion-based select religion course
Creative Arts: Any select aesthetic course
Global Diversity: Any non-us history course
Social Justice: Any select social or political science course.

PROPOSED COURSE SEQUENCE AT LA ROCHE COLLEGE

YEAR I

<u>Fall Semester</u>			<u>Credits</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>			<u>Credits</u>
___BIOL1003	General Biology I		3	___BIOL1004	General Biology II		3
___BIOL1005	General Biology Lab I		1	___BIOL1006	General Biology Lab II		1
___CHEM1007	Principles of Chemistry I		3	___CHEM1017	Principles of Chemistry II		3
___CHEM1008	Principles of Chemistry Lab I		1	___CHEM1018	Principles of Chemistry Lab II		1
___ENGL1011	College Writing I		3	___ENGL1012	College Writing II		3
___MATH1010	College Algebra		<u>3</u>	___MATH1040	Probability & Statistics		3
			14	1004	Statistics in Health Care		
					Theology Core		<u>3</u>
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YEAR II

<u>Fall Semester</u>			<u>Credits</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>			<u>Credits</u>
___BIOL1015/L	Microbiology for Health Science & Lab	4		___PHYS1010/L	Physics for Health Science & Lab	4	
___SLSC1005/1012	Introduction to Computer Science	3		___PHIL3027	Biomedical Ethics	3	
___PSYC1021	Introduction to Psychology	3		___ADMG3024	Professional Presentations or		
___PHIL1021	Introduction to Philosophy	3		SPCH1001	Public Speaking	3	
_____	Creative Arts Core	<u>3</u>		_____	Social Justice Core	3	
		16		_____	Global Diversity Core	<u>3</u>	
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