

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 QPA 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 | 3 | ___ MATH1040 | Probability & Statistics | 3 |
| | | 14 | 1004 | Statistics in Health Care | |
| | | | | Theology Core | 3 |
| | | | | | 17 |

YEAR II

| <u>Fall Semester</u> | | <u>Credits</u> | <u>Spring Semester</u> | | <u>Credits</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| ___ BIOL1015/L | Microbiology for Health Science & Lab | 4 | | | |
| ___ SLSC1005/1012 | Introduction to Computer Science | 3 | ___ PHYS1010/L | Physics for Health Science & Lab | 4 |
| ___ PSYC1021 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 | ___ PHIL3027 | Biomedical Ethics | 3 |
| ___ PHIL1021 | Introduction to Philosophy | 3 | ___ ADMG3024 | Professional Presentations or | |
| | Creative Arts Core | 3 | ___ SPCH1001 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| | | 16 | | Social Justice Core | 3 |
| | | | | Global Diversity Core | 3 |
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