

Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Physician Assistant  
Masters Online Completion Program  
(Web based or distance learning)

The Masters Completion Program (MCP) is a 30 credit hour, 12 month program. This option was developed for those students who are PA-Cs and hold a Bachelors degree from an accredited Physician Assistant (PA) Program and is NCCPA certified. Students enrolled in the MCP may complete the program via distance education with periodically scheduled seminars on campus, as per requirements stated on the course syllabi. Descriptions of individual courses below may be found in the Course Description section of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Graduate Catalog. The curriculum appears below:

**Semester 1 - Fall**

10 Credit Hours

**Semester 2 - Spring**

12 Credit Hours

**Semester 3 - Summer**

8 Credit Hours

**Masters Seminar:**

Students enrolled in both tracts of the MSPA Program are required to complete the Masters Seminar. The Masters Seminar is a longitudinal course required each semester of enrollment that is designed to equip the student with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to design and complete a clinically-based Master's Research Project. Students apply strategies previously learned in the Research Methods/Evidence Based Medicine Course. The Masters Seminar culminates with a presentation and defense of the completed Master's Research Project.