

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1 Applications due

August: Classes start

The MCP schedule follows SIUC's regular semester calendar for Fall, Spring and Summer. The dates listed on the University's website for the Graduate School (www.siu.edu/gradschl) are observed by this Program also.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION

The physician assistant profession has experienced sharp growth over the past decade. This growth has led to a competitive job market where having an advanced degree is advantageous. Practicing physician assistants are looking for ways to obtain a master's degree that will allow them to continue working without having to return to a campus. The Physician Assistant Program at Southern Illinois University recognizes the need for such a program and is offering a Master's Completion Program (MCP) which will award the graduate with a Master of Science Physician Assistant (MSPA) degree.

Students in the Master's Completion Program will learn the latest trends in health care policy and medical ethics, as well as learn about new trends in medicine. The student will also gain exposure to evidence based research and scientific writing.

The Master's 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 Bachelor's degree, graduated from an accredited 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.

CURRICULUM

Semester 1 - Fall 10 Credit Hours

Research Methods and Evidence-Based Medicine

Medicine in Practice

Master's Seminar

Semester 2 - Spring 12 Credit Hours

Ethical Issues in PA Practice

Medicine in Practice

Master's Seminar

Semester 3 - Summer 8 Credit Hours

Health Care Systems

Master's Seminar

The Master's 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 Master's Seminar culminates with a presentation and defense of the completed Master's Research Project.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

The minimum program length is one year. However, faculty and staff realize that there are extenuating circumstances that may require an extension. Those extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

EXPENSES

Tuition rates are established by the SIUC Board of Trustees. Some textbooks will be required. Current tuition rates are available at www.siu.edu or by contacting the PA Program Office.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

1. Complete the graduate school application form online.
2. Acquire, complete and submit the MCP application. Visit our website to download forms at <http://mccoy.lib.siu.edu/~paprogram>.
3. Send an official transcript of all course work from your PA studies and your Bachelor's degree to the SIUC Physician Assistant Program Academic Advisor.
4. Have a cumulative GPA no lower than a 2.8 on a 4.0 scale for your Bachelor's Degree.

ADVISEMENT

Academic advisement for those interested in the SIUC Master's Completion Program in Physician Assistant Studies, is provided by Ms Faye Joyner-Keene. She may be reached by calling (618) 453-5527 or by e-mail at pa_advisement@siumed.edu.

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