

Master of Physician Assistant Studies (PA)

Curriculum

Competency-Based Medical Education Model

The Rocky Vista University (RVU) Physician Assistant (PA) Program designed its curriculum in the competency-based medical education (CBME) model. CBME is defined as an outcome-based approach to the design, implementation, assessment, and evaluation of a medical education program and its learners using an organizing framework of competencies.

The PA Program is a 27-month curriculum developed and implemented under the authority of the Provost following approval by the PA Program Curriculum Committee and the RVU Institutional Curriculum Committee. The PA Program website contains details of the curriculum.

Year I - Semester I (Fall)

Item #	Title	Credits
PAS 5001	Interprofessional Education Seminar I	1
PAS 5111	Normal Human Development I	2
PAS 5113	Molecular and Cellular Concepts I	4
PAS 5115	Anatomy I	4
PAS 5131	Clinical Medicine: Professional Seminar I	3
PAS 5133	Clinical Medicine: Illness and Disease I	4
PAS 5135	Clinical Medicine: Evidence-Based Practice I	2
PAS 5137	Clinical Medicine: Skills and Assessment 1	4
PAS 5139	Reasoning and Application I	3

Year I - Semester II (Spring)

Item #	Title	Credits
PAS 5002	Interprofessional Education Seminar II	1
PAS 5112	Normal Human Development II	1
PAS 5114	Molecular and Cellular Concepts II	5
PAS 5116	Anatomy II	4
PAS 5132	Clinical Medicine: Professional Seminar II	2
PAS 5134	Clinical Medicine: Illness and Disease II	6
PAS 5136	Clinical Medicine: Evidence-Based Practice II	2
PAS 5138	Clinical Medicine: Skills and Assessment II	5
PAS 5140	Reasoning and Application II	3

Year I - Semester III (Summer)

Item #	Title	Credits
PAS 5150	Introduction to Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences	1
PAS 5251	Clinical Seminar I	1
PAS 5261	Supervised Clinical Practice I	10

Year II - Semester I (Fall)

Item #	Title	Credits
PAS 5252	Clinical Seminar II	1
PAS 5262	Supervised Clinical Practice II	14

Year II - Semester II (Spring)

Item #	Title	Credits
PAS 5253	Clinical Seminar III	1
PAS 5263	Supervised Clinical Practice III	14

Year II - Semester III (Summer)

Item #	Title	Credits
PAS 5254	Clinical Seminar IV	1
PAS 5264	Supervised Clinical Practice IV	10
PAS 5271	Research Proposal	1

Year III - Semester I (Fall)

Item #	Title	Credits
PAS 5272	Capstone	11
PAS 5233	Professional Seminar III	1
Total Credits		122