

MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE STUDIES

The Master of Physician Associate Studies program will begin accepting students and offering courses in the 2026-27 academic year.

General Graduate Program Requirements

Graduate School policies and standards can be found on the Graduate School Policies page (<https://catalog.umd.edu/graduate/school-policies/>).

The minimum GPA for any graduate program is 3.0. Individual programs may require more than a 3.0 to remain in good standing.

The minimum grade for a course to be accepted toward any master's or doctoral requirement is C. The minimum grade for a course to be accepted toward a certificate program is B-. Individual programs may require higher grades for specific courses.

Master of Physician Associate Studies Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Preclinical Coursework		
Complete all of the following courses:		
PA 511	Introduction to Health Professions & PA Practice	1
PA 512	Preventive Medicine	2
PA 513	Evidence-based Medicine	1
PA 514	Cross-Cultural Health	1
PA 521	Diagnostic Methods	2
PA 522	Behavioral Health	2
PA 531	Pathophysiology I	3
PA 532	Pathophysiology II	3
PA 533	Clinical Pharmacology I	3
PA 534	Clinical Pharmacology II	3
PA 541	Patient Assessment I	4
PA 542	Patient Assessment II	4
PA 543	Patient Assessment III	4
PA 544	Clinical Medicine I	4
PA 545	Clinical Medicine II	4
PA 546	Clinical Medicine III	4
PA 550	Anatomy & Physiology	4
PA 551	Clinical Skills	5
Clinical Coursework		
Complete 48 credits of the following course:		48
PA 595	Supervised Clinical Practice Experience	
This includes clinical experiences in the following areas:		
Family Medicine		
Internal Medicine		
Emergency Medicine		
Surgery		
Pediatrics		
Women's Health		

Psychiatry		
Other elective areas		
Postclinical Coursework		
Complete all of the following courses:		
PA 516	Medical Ethics	1
PA 523	Professional Practice I	2
PA 524	Research	2
Total Hours		107