

# Physician Assistant at Francis Marion

## Accreditation Status

At its March 2017 meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) placed the Francis Marion University Physician Assistant program sponsored by Francis Marion University on Accreditation-Probation status until its next validation review in March 2019.

Probation is a temporary status of accreditation conferred when a program does not meet the Standards and when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened.

Once placed on probation, programs that still fail to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and/or risk having their accreditation withdrawn.

## Admissions

All applications must be submitted to CASPA. To complete the application a student must have:

- Completed Bachelor's degree w/3.0 GPA
- GRE combined scores above 290 (at least 140 on each Verbal & Quant.)
- 3 letters of recommendation
- 250 hours of healthcare experience
- 400-750 word personal statement
- 3.0 GPA on in all prerequisites combined

## Prerequisites

- 4 credits of general biology w/lab
- 8 credits of anatomy & physiology w/labs
- 4 credits of microbiology w/lab
- 8 credits of general chemistry w/lab
- 4 credits of organic chemistry w/lab
- 3 credits of statistics or biostatistics
- 6 credits of psychology
- 1 credit of medical terminology

## 27 Month PA Plan of Study

Didactic (Fall/Semester I)		Credits	Didactic (Fall/Semester IV)		Credits
PA 501 Anatomy & Physical Assessment Basics	4		PA 641 Integrative Path. & Pharm. III	5	
PA 508 Physiology & Pharmacology Basics	4		PA 643 Clinical Assessment, Diagnosis & Application III	4	
PA 510 Fundamentals of Medicine & Role of PA	3		PA 645 Clinical Interventions & Diagnostics III	3	
PA 513 Interpersonal Communication & History Taking	2		PA 607 Clinical Decision-Making & Ethics	3	
PA 506 Health Systems & Risk Management (Online)	3		<b>Clinical (Spring-Fall/Semester V – Semester VII)</b>		
<b>Didactic (Spring/Semester II)</b>			Family Medicine Clerkship		4
PA 521 Integrative Path. & Pharm. I	5		Obstetrics & Gynecology Clerkship		4
PA 523 Clinical Assessment, Diagnosis & Application I	4		Pediatrics Clerkship		4
PA 525 Clinical Interventions & Diagnostics I	3		Psychiatry Clerkship		4
PA 505 Population Health & Epidemiology (Online)	3		Emergency Medicine Clerkship		4
<b>Didactic (Summer/Semester III)</b>			Internal Medicine-Inpatient Clerkship		4
PA 631 Integrative Path. & Pharm. II	5		Internal Medicine-Outpatient Clerkship		4
PA 633 Clinical Assessment, Diagnosis & Application II	4		General Surgery Clerkship		4
PA 635 Clinical Interventions & Diagnostics II	3		Elective Clerkship		4
PA 603 Advanced Research & Evidence-based Practice	3		PA 720 Capstone		1
Total Credits: 98					

## Graduation Requirement

For a student to graduate they must have successfully completed all courses and clinical experiences with a grade of "C" or better, overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, be in good standing with the program (not on academic or disciplinary warning), and successfully complete Graduate Evaluation.

## Program Estimated Cost (tuition, fees, equipment/books)

SC Resident \$108,501

Non-Resident \$173,552

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