SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
MSPA

The Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPA) prepares students to become integral members of the healthcare team and provide compassionate care for their communities. In alignment with KGI’s mission and values, this 27-month program integrates leadership skills, innovative/entrepreneurial approaches to problem-solving, and interprofessional collaboration. MSPA program graduates will enter the workforce with a deep understanding of how to apply the social determinants of health to patient care, and will be equipped to be leaders in their communities as PAs in clinical, administrative, and academic roles.

About the Program

Innovative Learning
The MSPA program utilizes innovative teaching methods grounded in an active learning classroom model, emphasizing student engagement, critical thinking skills, and teamwork. Students learn how to engage with one another, mirroring their future careers as part of a collaborative team. KGI MSPA students also benefit from early clinical experiences during the didactic phase. These real patient interactions strengthen interpersonal, technical, and clinical reasoning skills before starting clinical rotations.

Compassionate Care to Diverse Populations
Through volunteer opportunities and community-based projects, KGI MSPA students are heavily involved in the care and education of the local community. These opportunities provide students with a true understanding of the needs of the communities they serve. Our graduates are prepared to recognize health disparities and work towards achieving health equity by providing compassionate care to patients with consideration for: disability status, special healthcare needs, ethnicity/race, gender identity, religion/spirituality, sexual orientation, and the social determinants of health.

Leadership and Entrepreneurship
The healthcare landscape is rapidly changing, and PAs are uniquely suited to help shape the future of medicine. Through didactic instruction and applied projects in leadership and entrepreneurship, KGI MSPA students are prepared to serve as PA leaders, advocate for the profession and their communities, solve real-world problems through innovation, and ultimately create their own career path.
Where can your MSPA degree take you?

The demand for PAs continues to grow and is expected to increase 31% by 2028. KGI MSPA program graduates will be qualified to serve in a wide range of exciting roles:

- PA in a variety of fields including primary care, surgical specialties, and emergency medicine
- Healthcare Administrator
- Educator
- Clinical Researcher

Admissions Details

Dates and Deadlines

- Start Term: Fall semester
- Application Opens: End of April
- Priority Deadline: September 1
- Application Deadline: November 1

Admissions Requirements

The MSPA program accepts all applications via CASPA. Requirements for admission include:

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Seven prerequisites (see below)
- Minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.0
- Minimum of 1,000 hours of direct patient care experience
- Personal statement and supplemental application in CASPA
- Three letters of reference

No standardized tests (e.g., GRE, MCAT, PA-CAT) are required for admissions. Visit kgi.edu/mspa for full details.

Prerequisites

The following courses are required for admission:

- Human Anatomy with Lab (covering all systems)
- Human Physiology with Lab (covering all systems)
- General or inorganic chemistry with lab
- Organic chemistry or biochemistry (no lab required)

Visit kgi.edu/mspa for credit hour requirements.

Accreditation Status

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Keck Graduate Institute Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Keck Graduate Institute.

Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program’s ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.

Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.

The program’s accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-keck-graduate-institute/.

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