

APPLICANTS

A minimum overall science and prerequisite Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 is required. The ideal candidate will have an overall GPA of at least 3.2 and scored competitively on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) within the past five years. While a science major is not required, students should have sufficient coursework to be prepared for the intensive curriculum.

For complete information on how to apply for admission and for application deadlines, visit the website at medicine.tufts.edu/Paprogram.



ACCREDITATION

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted **Accreditation-Continued** status to the **Tufts University School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Tufts University**.

*Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC -PA Standards.

*Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be **2026 March**. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.*

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Physician Assistant Program

Master of Medical Science Degree



This program is an Accredited program through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)



Individual. Community. World.

Tufts University School of Medicine— a pioneer in medical education since 1893— is pleased to offer a Physician Assistant Program from which students graduate with a Master of Medical Science Degree.

THE TUFTS ADVANTAGE

Tufts Health Sciences Campus

The program is based on the Boston campus, which is also home to Tufts' Schools of Nutrition, Dental Medicine, and Biomedical Sciences, as well as Tufts Medical Center and the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging.

Diverse Clinical Teaching Sites

Clinical training takes place at a variety of excellent hospitals and practices in greater Boston and the surrounding region. Students participate in a range of clinical experiences that prepare them to begin patient care immediately following graduation.

State-of-the-Art Facilities

A newly constructed Clinical Skills and Simulation Center houses several simulation rooms with high fidelity mannequins, 12 patient exam rooms, three observation/monitoring areas, a classroom, and a lounge for standardized patients.

World-Renowned Faculty

Tufts is known for its excellent faculty and student-centered curriculum. The PA faculty have been chosen from MDs, PAs, and others at affiliated institutions, based on their outstanding teaching records and knowledge in their fields.

PREREQUISITES

All applicants must complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. The courses listed below must have been taken within 10 years prior to application. Courses can be at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate level.

Human Anatomy:	1 semester
Human Physiology:	1 semester
General Biology:	2 semesters with labs
General Chemistry:	2 semesters with labs
Microbiology:	1 semester with lab
Statistics:	1 semester

Coursework in biochemistry, psychology and medical terminology is highly recommended. If AP credit was received or a prerequisite course was taken over 10 years ago, then a higher level course can be used to fulfill a prerequisite.

Direct patient care experience is also required (minimum of 1,000 hours) prior to applying, preferably through employment, although some types of volunteer work will be considered.

CURRICULUM

The **first year** consists of an intensive 29 course curriculum, extended over three semesters. All courses have a strong clinical orientation, in preparation for rotations that begin in the second year.

In the **second year**, direct patient exposure and participation in diagnostic, therapeutic, and health maintenance experiences provide the necessary connection between classroom education and clinical practice. The clinical rotations take place over 12 months at hospitals, clinics, and private practices, and train students in medical skills and patient interaction.

Prior to graduation, all students must complete a **capstone project**. The capstone provides an opportunity for students to conduct an evidence-based review in a mentored environment.



Tufts School of Medicine's Clinical Skills and Simulation Center

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
Clinical Anatomy 1	Clinical Anatomy 2	Evidence-Based Medicine
Internal Medicine 1	Internal Medicine 2	Internal Medicine 3
Pharmacology 1	Pharmacology 2	Orthopedics
Physical Diagnosis 1	Physical Diagnosis 2	Neuroscience
Primary Care 1	Primary Care 2	Primary Care 3
Medical Physiology	Women's Health	Geriatrics/Physical and Occupational Medicine
Behavioral Medicine	Diagnostic Imaging/ Principles of Electrocardiography	Procedural Workshop
Professional Practice	Surgery	Critical Care Medicine
Nutrition	Emergency Medicine	Pediatrics

CLINICAL ROTATIONS	
Women's Health	Surgery
Pediatrics	Emergency Medicine
Behavioral Medicine	Orthopedics
Family Medicine	Inpatient Internal Medicine
1 Elective and 2 Selectives	

(All schedules are subject to change.)