



BOSTON UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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Presentation Outline

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Programmatic Implementation

Class of 2016

Starting Clinical Phase April 22

Class of 2017

Starting Didactic Phase April 6

Class of 2018

Admission cycle opens April 15

BU PA Program Highlights-Admissions

	Class of 2016 (23)	Class of 2017 (34)	Net Change
Number of Applicants	1024	982	Decrease 4%
Yield (#admit/#matric)	50%	73%	Increased
Selectivity (#chosen/#apps)	2.4%	3.4%	Decreased
Overall/Science GPA	3.5/3.4	3.51/3.45	Slight increase
Mean GRE	59/70/69	70/60/72	None
Master's Degrees	11%	11%	None
Attrition	2	n/a	



BU PA Program Highlights-Faculty

Welcome to our New Medical Director: James Meisel, MD

Publications: New York Times Education Life 2014
6 Articles in past 19 months

- Oren Berkowitz PhD, PA-C and Eric Hillenberg MMSc, PA-C-
Peer Reviewers for JAAPA
- Eric Hillenberg-completing Geriatric Faculty Development
Training
- Susan White MD and Janice John PA-C received Gold
Foundation funding to attend Harvard Macy and create a
longitudinal integrated clerkship for PA students at CHA
- Feature editor for Journal of PA Education



Preparation for Clerkships I

Basic Medical Sciences

- Anatomy, Physiology, Genetics, Immunology, Cell Biology, Biochemistry

Research Curriculum

- Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Analysis of Medical Literature

Disease and Therapy

- Pathophysiology modules with Pharmacology
- Clinical Skills

Preventive Medicine

- Patient education and Counseling
- Quality Improvement

Preparation for Clerkships II

History and Physical Exam (138 items in less than 1 hour, 10 patient encounters)

Oral Presentations Instruction and Experience (6 graded presentations)

Medical Record Writing and Clinical Reasoning (10 graded H and PEs)

Journal Clubs (11)

Transition Time Reinforcements

- Procedures

- Ethics

- Use of medical record systems- VA-Boston, BMC

- Order writing and Admission H and PE

- ECG and CXR reviews

Evaluation of the PA Student

- The instrument is slightly different than the medical student form and they are related to the PA learning outcomes.
- Preceptors will be sent the evaluation via E-value three days before the clerkship ends.
- Reminders will be distributed via email if the evaluation remains incomplete.
- If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact Eric Hillenberg, the Director of Clinical Education at erichill@bu.edu or 617-638-5744.

Clinical Curriculum

MANDATORY

- INTERNAL MEDICINE (2)
- FAMILY MEDICINE (2)
- PEDIATRICS
- OB-GYN
- PSYCHIATRY
- EMERGENCY MEDICINE
- SURGERY

ELECTIVE (5)

- PEDIATRIC
SUBSPECIALTIES
- INTERNAL MEDICINE
SUBSPECIALTIES
- SURGICAL
SUBSPECIALTIES
- SUBINTERNSHIPS

Research Curriculum

Are you looking for someone to help you with a literature review and outline for a grant proposal?

Consider a PA student if you are involved in clinical research.

Looking for thesis advisors

- Meet with student a few times over the course of 12 months
- Mentor student on formulating their project
- If it is a great idea, submit iteration for funding.