PANCE Pass Rate

Harding PA students' first-time pass rates on the PANCE by graduating class:

2012 — 97%
2013 — 91%
2014 — 100%
2015 — 94%
2016 — 97%
2017 — 100%

Nondiscrimination

Harding is required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, as amended, not to discriminate on the basis of gender in its admissions policies, treatment of students, employment practices or educational programs except as required by religious tenets of the churches of Christ.
The Physician Assistant

The Physician Assistant (PA) is a skilled health care professional who is academically and clinically prepared to provide medical care under the supervision of a licensed Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy.

PA practice is centered on patient care and advocacy. Patient education and counseling are important aspects of daily PA activities, but the PA may also be involved in research or administrative duties.

Physician assistants are highly respected members of the health care team. Harding University’s program equips PAs with the depth of knowledge necessary to be competent health care providers.

Based at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, the Physician Assistant Program is part of the College of Allied Health. Students who complete the program receive a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.) degree. The curriculum is an intensive medical education program with a focus on primary care and consists of academic and clinical components.

The program starts in August and ends 28 months later with a December graduation. Harding is proud to have the first physician assistant program in the state of Arkansas.

Educated with an emphasis on practice in rural settings and mission fields, graduates of the program will impact the community, state and world.

Physician Assistant Skills

- Take medical histories
- Perform physical examinations
- Formulate working diagnoses
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests
- Prescribe treatment/management plans

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Please visit our website for a more detailed explanation of admission requirements, program costs and curriculum information, or contact us on Facebook.

Admission Requirements

- Possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States prior to matriculation into the program.
- Achieve a prerequisite GPA on the required coursework of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with all grades being a C or higher.
- Hold a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Acceptable courses must be designed as counting toward a science major, and science courses must include a laboratory, unless designated otherwise.
- Meet all general requirements for admission and agree to abide by all policies and procedures for graduate programs at Harding University.
- Take the GRE within the last five years.
- Complete application process by published deadline through CASPA (caspaonline.org).
- See website (harding.edu/paprogram) for complete requirements.

Prerequisites

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*See website for more specific details.

Mission: To develop caring physician assistants who practice competent, patient-centered primary care in diverse environments.