WHAT IS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT?

Physician Assistants (PAs) are health care professionals who work under the supervision of a physician. The PA’s scope of practice is determined by the supervising physician and the rules and regulations of the province in which they are practicing. PAs undertake tasks delegated to them by physician supervisors who ensure excellence in healthcare. PAs provide a broad range of health care services in primary and specialty care, including patient assessment, clinical investigation and diagnosis, treatment plan, therapeutic interventions, counselling on preventive care and assisting in surgery.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

• 24 students per year
• 2 year program, 24 months
  - Year 1: Clinical Science/Courses
  - Year 2: Clinical Training
• Problem-based Learning

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• 2 years of undergraduate university
• 3.0 GPA (OMSAS 4.0 scale)
• No specific course requirements

ABORIGINAL APPLICANTS

The Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University has a policy in place to facilitate the admission of students with Aboriginal ancestry as defined by the 1982 Constitution Act, which recognizes First Nations, Inuit and Metis as the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada. These applications must be supplemented by documentation (photocopy of Indian Status Card or Tribal Enrollment Card, Metis Membership/Citizenship Card, Inuit or Inuvialuit Tribal Corporation Number or Inuit Registry; or a letter from an official representative of the applicant’s First Nations band, treaty, tribal or traditional council; Inuit land/territory organization; Metis settlement or community organization; or a recognized Aboriginal organization.

For the Physicians Assistant Program all Aboriginal applicants with required supporting documents and meet admission criteria will be automatically invited to come for an interview.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to the Physician Assistants Program through the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)
www.ouac.on.ca

Supplementary application required by McMaster available at:
http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/physicianassistant/

Admissions Committee will consider:

GPA and Transcripts
Supplementary Application
Interview (MMI)

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1: Application Due
(including supplementary application)

Late April/Early May: Multi-Mini Interviews

End of May: Latest you can expect an admission response

June: Respond to offer of admission

September: Program begins

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