

Certificate

Physician Assistants (PAs) are healthcare providers who are authorized to practice medicine with the supervision of a licensed physician. The mission of the RRCC PA Program is to train clinically competent and compassionate physician assistants to provide primary care to the medically underserved.

The rigorous, year-round, full-time, 24-month curriculum leads to a certificate that qualifies graduates to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE). The first 12 months of the program is devoted to classroom, laboratory, and small-group work, most of which is on campus. The second 12 months is devoted to off-campus clinical rotations, many of which may be scheduled at sites outside of the Denver metropolitan area. Qualified students may seek to co-register at an affiliate institution to obtain a master's degree to be completed at the same time as the certificate.

Please note that admissions requirements, program curriculum, and graduation requirements are subject to change. The RRCC PA program Web site is the most current source for program information.
(www.rrcc.edu/pa)

Program Application and Admission Criteria :

Candidates must submit an application to the program through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). Application information with a link to CASPA is found on the RRCC PA program Web site. At the time of application, candidates must have completed a Bachelors degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

Required First Year Courses	Credits
PAP 201, 202, 203 Professional Seminar I, II, III	1
PAP 204, 205, 206 Problem Based Learning I, II, III	1
PAP 207, 208 Clinical Medicine I, II	3
PAP 209 Clinical Medicine III	4
PAP 210, 211 History and Physical Exam I, II	2
PAP 212 History and Physical Exam III	1
PAP 213 Clinical Procedures	1
PAP 214 Behavioral Medicine	1
PAP 220 Anatomy	3
PAP 221 Biochemistry	3
PAP 222 Physiology	3
PAP 223 Pathophysiology	2
PAP 224 Pharmacology I	1
PAP 225, 226 Pharmacology II, III	2
HPR 120 ACLS	1
HPR 130 PALS	1

Required Second Year Courses	Credits
PAP 231, 232, 233 Professional Seminar IV, V, VI	1
PAP 234, 245, 236 Problem Based Learning IV, V, VI	1
PAP 240, 241 Family Medicine I, II	3
PAP 242, 243 Internal Medicine I, II	3
PAP 244 Women's Health	3
PAP 245 Emergency Medicine	3
PAP 246 Surgery	3
PAP 247 Pediatrics	3
PAP 248 Psychiatry	3
PAP 249 Geriatrics/LTC	3
PAP 250, 251 Elective I, II	3