



**The University of Manitoba Master of Physician Assistant Studies' mission is to educate outstanding Physician Assistant clinicians as generalist medical providers in service to our communities in Manitoba and Canada. We nurture the future leaders of the profession and lead the field in academic preparation of Physician Assistants in Canada.**

Physician Assistants (PAs) are medically educated clinicians practising within an approved structure or relationship with Physicians. PAs provide a broad range of medical services including diagnoses through medical histories and physical exams, ordering and interpreting diagnostic studies, performing therapeutic procedures or prescribing medications, and educating and counselling patients. Although qualified as generalists, PAs receive additional education and experience to develop a knowledge of a speciality and may work in a wide variety of practice settings.

MPAS is a 25-month graduate studies course based professional program. The nationally accredited curriculum and program allows graduates to challenge the national certification examination. The students develop clinical expertise and critical thinking skills from a mixture of academic and didactic teachings, clinical experiences and mentoring.

The philosophy of the Physician Assistants (PA) profession is to approach the delivery of medical care in collaboration with the physician as valued member of an integrated team. PAs function as critically thinking and problem solving regulated and licensed medical professionals with a scope of practice determined in a formal practice description. The goal of the program is to develop professionals ready to practice as primary care providers or in hospital based medical practitioner roles. Upon graduation, PAs obtained positions that allow them to develop knowledge of a specialty building on their core generalist medical knowledge. The Physician Assistant must demonstrate professionalism in all aspects of their career.

#### **Admission Requirements**

- **4-year Bachelor Degree with a minimal Grade Point Average of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hour, 3.5 GPA is considered competitive**
- **Required Courses: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Biochemistry**
- **Recommend courses: Microbiology and Psychology**
- **Application**
- **2 Current References are required**
- **CASPer Test**
- **Patient experience is an asset**

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