Department of Physician Assistant Studies

Program

The Physician Assistant (PA) Program at Idaho State University awards the Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree and a PA certificate upon successful completion of its 24-month graduate curriculum. A new class of students is enrolled each fall semester. In addition to a baccalaureate degree, students must have a cumulative prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher for the following required prerequisite courses: Biochemistry, Microbiology, Human Anatomy (as a single course or as part of a two semester combined anatomy and physiology course), Human Physiology (as a single course or as part of a two semester combined anatomy and physiology course), Statistics and Abnormal Psychology. For information about requirements and courses, please refer to the Graduate Catalog (http://coursecat.isu.edu/previouscatalogs/2018-19/graduate) or the program website, https://www.isu.edu/pa/.

Accreditation

The program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on the Education of Physician Assistants, Inc. (ARC-PA). Graduates of this program are eligible to take the NCCPA’s Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE).

Faculty

Program Director and Associate Professor


Associate Program Director and Assistant Professor

Sparrell, Marvin C., Associate Program Director and Clinical Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies. B.S., 1990, Boise State University; M.P.A.S., 2003, University of Utah. (2009)

Medical Directors

Caldwell: Anstett, Richard, MD
Meridian: D’Souza, Sherwin, MD
Pocatello: McClusky, David, II, MD

Assistant Professors


Sierra, Talia, Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies. B.S., 2006, Albertson College of Idaho; M.P.A.S., 2008, Idaho State University. (2013)

Clinical Assistant Professors


Johnson, Jeffery, Clinical Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies. B.S., 2002, Idaho State University; PharmD. 2000, Idaho State University. (2011)


Smetanka, Rachel D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies. B.A., 1996, University of Minnesota-Duluth; Ph.D., 2001, University of Iowa; M.S., 2013, Idaho State University. (2013)


Talford, David B., * Master’s Project Coordinator and Clinical Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies. B.S., 1999, Des Moines University; M.S. 2007, University of Nebraska. (2007)

Director of Clinical Site Development

Allen, Vicki, RN, CLNC

Visiting Professor and Research Coordinator

Domenech Rodriguez, Melanie, MS, Ph.D.

Emeritus

Whitaker, Kent B., * Clinical Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies. 1998-2018

Courses

PAS 4489 Independent Problems in Physician Assistant Studies: 1-3 semester hours.
Explores the field of Physician Assistant through experiential learning predominantly by participating in research with PA program faculty. May be repeated for up to 3 credits. PREREQ: Instructor Permission Required.

* Indicates Faculty Member with specific designation or role