

Physician Assistant Studies

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Program Description	Type	Degree
Master of Physician Assistant Studies (https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/pharmacy-healthprofessions/health-professions/physicianassistantstudies/mpas/)	Degree	MPAS

Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)

Physician Assistants (PAs) are highly skilled health practitioners who work alongside collaborating physicians to provide patient care services. PAs take complete medical histories, perform physical examinations, order and interpret diagnostic studies, such as laboratory tests and x-rays, and diagnose and treat patients. Physician Assistants improve the accessibility of health care of underserved individuals in both urban and rural settings. The Physician Assistant Program at Idaho State University is the only PA Program in the State of Idaho. See isu.edu/pa for more information about the program.

The Program

The Physician Assistant (PA) Program at Idaho State University awards the Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree and a PA certificate upon completion of its 24 month graduate curriculum. A class of 72 students is enrolled each fall semester with 24 seats located at the Pocatello campus, 36 seats located at the Meridian campus, and 12 seats located at the College of Idaho campus in Caldwell.

Learning Outcomes (<https://isu.edu/pa/curriculum/>) *for didactic and clinical coursework may be found at* isu.edu/pa/curriculum/ (<https://isu.edu/pa/curriculum/>)

The program maintains continued accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc., (ARC-PA). Graduates of the program are eligible to take the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE), which is administered by the National Commission for Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

Vision & Mission

Idaho State University Department of Physician Assistant Studies strives to create a culture conducive to optimal teaching and learning that is responsive to emerging healthcare challenges and inspires leadership in the profession.

The mission of the Idaho State Physician Assistant Program is to cultivate caring, collaborative physician assistants with a passion to serve and improve the health and well-being of patients and their communities.

Training medical professionals who care.