

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEE AN M.C.C. COUNSELOR EACH SEMESTER FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING. TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL (231) 777-0362.**

**Muskegon Community College Curriculum Guide**

**Curriculum: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES - GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY Curriculum Code: G701**

The following courses will fulfill requirements for the Associate in Science and Arts Degree. It is designed for students who plan to transfer to G.V.S.U. and complete the Masters Degree in Physician Assistant Studies after completing the A.S.A. Degree at M.C.C. Students typically complete a Bachelors Degree in a health science area prior to completing the Masters Degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

<b>REQUIRED FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS – You must demonstrate a minimum level of achievement, either by successful testing or satisfactory course completion (a grade of “C” or better) in four areas:</b>	
1. Writing	English 085, 089, 091 or 114
2. Reading	Reading 040A or 040C
3. Math	Mathematics 050 or 107 (or complete higher level course)
4. Computers	CIS 100 or any other CIS course (Consult a counselor regarding transferability. CIS 110 or 120A are strongly recommended.)

English, Reading and Mathematics Placement Tests may be required and are available in Testing Services, located in Room 134 – 777-0394. English and Reading placement tests may be waived if you show documentation of a proficiency level 1 or 2 on the high school MEAP or MME writing and reading tests or if you have an ACT composite score of 22 or greater. The Mathematics placement test may be waived if you show documentation of a score of 28 or above on the ACT Math test.

<u>GENERAL EDUCATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM CREDITS</u>
<b><u>COMMUNICATION</u></b>	
English 101 and 102 English Composition	6
<b><u>SCIENCE/MATH</u></b>	
Biology 100 (10A,F,G,H) <u>or</u> (10A,E,F,G) <u>or</u> Biology 103Lec & 103A Introductory Biology, Lec & Lab <b>(Biology 100 modules are no longer being offered.)</b>	4
Chemistry 100Lec & 100A Fundamentals of Chemistry, Lec & Lab (prerequisite: Math 050)	5
<u>or</u>	
Chemistry 109Lec & 109A Chemistry for Health Science, Lec & Lab (prerequisite: Math 041 or 050)	5
<b><u>THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE</u></b>	
<b><u>AESTHETIC VALUES</u></b>	3
Art 104, 105B (was 105), 107, 108, 109, 204B (was 204), 205, 207, 208, 209, 211 Dance 100, 101, 102, 106, 200, 201, 206, 213, 218 English 208 (or Communications 203), 223 Music – any 100 level or above course Theater 101, 102, 108, 120, 141, 142, 144, 145, 147, 148, 160, 201, 202, 203, 210, 212, 217, 260	
<b><u>ETHICS AND LOGIC</u></b>	
Philosophy 204 Biomedical Ethics	3
<b><u>SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS</u></b>	
Psychology 201 General Psychology	4
<b><u>HUMAN CULTURES</u></b>	
<b><u>WESTERN WORLD</u></b>	3
Art 198, 199, 202 English 200, 201, 204, 205, 206, 210, 213, 225, 226, 227, 228 History 101, *102, 204 Humanities 195 Music 103	

**MINIMUM CREDITS**

Political Science 203  
Theater 201

**AMERICAN**

History 201, 202, 207, 211  
Political Science 111, 205

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**INTERNATIONAL**

If the credit hours from AMERICAN CULTURES and SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS total less than 8 credits, the choices are:

Anthropology 103, 110  
Geography 104 (was 102A, 102C), 105  
History 195  
Political Science 202, 211

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If the credit hours from AMERICAN CULTURES and SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS total 8 credits or more, then other options are:

English 207, 211, 218  
French 101, 102, 201, 202  
German 101, 102, 201, 202  
History \*210  
Philosophy 203, 210  
Spanish 101, 102, 201, 202

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Choose one from PEA 101A, 103, 104A, 118, or 201 **and** one PEA or DNC credit hour of choice.

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**CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING FOR A TOTAL OF 62 CREDITS****G.V.S.U. BASIC SKILL REQUIREMENT**

One course from: Mathematics 050, 109, 111, 112, 161  
(or proficiency testing at G.V.S.U.)

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**ADDITIONAL G.V.S.U. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Choose one course from the following if not taken to fulfill a general education requirement:  
Anthropology 110; English 211; Foreign Language 202; Geography 105; Philosophy 210;  
Political Science 211

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Choose one course from the following if not taken to fulfill a general education requirement:  
Anthropology 103; Sociology 102, 202

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**MAJOR RELATED COURSES**

Biology 105Lec & 105C Anatomy & Physiology I, Lec & Lab (must take both for appropriate transfer credit) 4  
Biology 106Lec & 106A Anatomy & Physiology II, Lec & Lab 4  
Mathematics 115 Probability & Statistics 3  
or  
Business 105 Business Statistics 3  
Biology 207Lec & 207A Microbiology, Lec & Lab 4  
Physics 201L&L and 202L&L Principles of Physics, Lec & Lab 8  
(prereq.: Mathematics 112) (or one course at G.V.S.U. dependent on major)

**COGNATE REQUIREMENTS**

B.A. /B.S. – Dependent on major chosen. Consult the G.V.S.U. catalog.

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**ELECTIVE**

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TOTAL 62

## NOTES:

\*G.V.S.U. awards the same equivalency credit for M.C.C.'s History 102 and 210. Students are advised not to take both courses at M.C.C. if they wish to transfer to G.V.S.U.

Transfer students are required to have a minimum transfer GPA of 2.5.

Students should check the M.C.C. catalog for course prerequisites.

### **PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA**

(Physician Assistant is not a declarable undergraduate major)

#### PHASE I

1. Academic achievement. Admission: Students must have a minimum average GPA of 3.0 in pre-professional program courses requirements, a 3.0 GPA in their last 60 hours of course work, and a 3.0 GPA overall. Admission deadline is October 1.
2. Two formal letters of recommendation preferably from appropriate health professionals. Letters from practicing Physician Assistants would be most appropriate. Letters must be submitted on university forms (refer to website).
3. Experience. Applicants should show evidence of 500 plus hours of significant volunteer, work, or observational experience in a health care environment.
4. Bachelor's degree required.
5. Official transcripts.
6. Graduate application.

#### PHASE II

1. Group interview.
2. Interview with faculty.

It is recommended that those interested in the Physician Assistant Studies program contact G.V.S.U. for more information. Their website is [www.gvsu.edu/pas](http://www.gvsu.edu/pas).