

State/Territory *KEY

License Title Specific title of license issued by the state/territory.

Note, if a state/territory issues a required time-limited license for purposes of gaining supervised experience after graduating that has different educational requirements, information for this type of license and the next-level license is provided. Curriculum should be compared to all relevant titles/levels in order to determine if a program “meets” educational requirements.

Specialized Accreditation Required? "No" means the Board does not require the program to hold a specialized accreditation for licensure.

"Yes" means the Board does require the program to hold a specialized accreditation for licensure.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? "Yes" means there is language in statute or rule that a program that holds specialized accreditation meets some or all education requirements.

"No" means Board does not indicate that specialized accreditation meets all educational requirements.

"N/A" means state/territory does not offer a license.

Curriculum Comparison Needed? “Yes” means a comparison of the program to specific state standards/coursework/supervised experience listed is needed to determine if the program meets educational requirements for licensure.

"No" means a program does not need to compare their program to specific state/territory educational requirements. In most instances, the Board/Agency is relying on specialized accreditation or approval, license applicants holding certification, or license applicants meeting examination requirements.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Note, each licensing board will still evaluate each individual graduate's application at the time they apply.

Specific Coursework Specific information from statute, rule, application, or website is copied that includes state/territory requirement of certain courses or other educational requirements to be completed as part of the program. Licensing board/agency will review the graduate's transcript to determine if educational requirements were completed.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Note, if references to other sections of statutes/regulations are listed, The Bookmark includes all relevant information required for curriculum comparison here. In other words, programs do not need to complete further research into statutes/regulations to determine comparison requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Information is provided about any required practicum, internship, or supervised clinical experiences required to be completed as part of the program.

“N/A” means the state/territory does not issue a license.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? "Yes" means the state/territory has adopted one or more relevant licensure compacts or interstate reciprocity agreements. The state/territory is a member of the compact or reciprocity agreement.

“Pending” means the compact or interstate reciprocity agreement is not yet enacted (does not have enough states/territories as members yet), but the state/territory is a member.

“No” means the state/territory is not a member of a relevant licensure compact or interstate reciprocity agreement.

“None found” means no relevant national licensure compact or interstate reciprocity agreement exists for this profession or occupation.

Board/Agency Name Licensing board or agency name

Board/Agency Website

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Citation to the relevant section(s) of state statutes, regulations or rules.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? "Yes" means the state/territory requires a license applicant who graduated from a program based in another state/territory to hold that state/territory license to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"No" means the state/territory does not require a license applicant who graduated from a program based in another state/territory to hold that state/territory license to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not issue a license.

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? "Yes" means the state/territory requires a license applicant to hold a certification issued by a private (non-governmental) organization to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"No" means the state/territory does not require a license applicant to hold a certification issued by a private (non-governmental) organization to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not issue a license.

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Training, continuing education or other requirements for initial licensure are listed here. These DO NOT need to be completed as part of the program to meet educational requirements for licensure.

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Experience required for initial licensure. This could be supervised work experience after graduating, experience accrued outside of the program, or specific prior work experience. This DOES NOT (and in most cases, cannot) need to be completed as part of the program to meet educational requirements for licensure.

Exam(s) Required Any exams required for the type of license.

"None found" means that the state/territory does not specify an exam for that particular license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not offer a license.

Notes --Educational requirements are provided for the recent graduate of a program of a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. who is, or will be, applying for their first license or certification (typically by exam).

--Some states have additional levels of license/certification or additional scope of practice available if specific coursework, training, or work experience is completed. The Bookmark only captures the first level of license/certification (unless otherwise indicated).

--Some license types have multiple pathways to qualify. The Bookmark includes information through the lens of a program offered at a regionally accredited college or university, and does not include all of the possible ways that an individual may qualify for the license.

--Terminology is inconsistent across states/territories for most license types. Certification, license, credential, endorsement and certificate are all used to describe the legally required permission by a state/territory to practice a particular profession or occupation. The Bookmark uses license and certification to refer to all of these. The exact title is provided for each state/territory.

Last Reviewed Date

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State/Territory Alabama

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), or their successor agencies

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Alabama

Board/Agency Website <https://www.albme.gov/licensing/pa-aa/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ala. Code tit. 34, Ch. 24, art. 7

Ala. Admin. Code Ch.540-X-7

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) 540-X-7-.03. Requirements To Practice As A Physician Assistant (P.A.).

(2) Effective January 1, 2024, physician assistants shall obtain continuing education prescribed by the Board of Medical Examiners regarding the rules and statutes governing supervised practice in Alabama, not more than forty-eight (48) months prior to or within twelve (12) months of registration to a physician.

Ala. Admin. Code 540-X-7-.03

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Alaska

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Alaska State Medical Board

Board/Agency

Website <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, § 40.400

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Completion of at least two hours of education in pain management and opioid use and addiction,

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory American Samoa

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? (a) an individual applying for a license to practice medicine or dentistry under this chapter shall establish to the satisfaction of the board that the individual is a graduate of an accredited school of medicine or dentistry, and has completed at least one year of post-graduate training in a hospital or other health care or dental facility accredited for post-graduate training. Graduates from an accredited school of medicine or dentistry located in the United States, Canada, Papua-New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Switzerland, France, Belgium, West Germany, Norway, Sweden, or Denmark will be considered as having met standards of education acceptable for licensure in American Samoa. Graduates-of Fiji schools of medicine or dentistry, or of any other health profession listed in this chapter who have graduated prior to January 1, 1987, will also be considered as having met standards of education acceptable for licensure in American Samoa.

31.0424 Additional qualifications.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name American Samoa Bar Association

Board/Agency Website <https://asbar.org/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Chapter 04 - Health Services, Title 31 - Profession

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required N/A

Notes None

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State/Territory Arizona

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants

Board/Agency Website <https://www.azpa.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 32, Ch. 25, art. 1
Ariz. Admin. Code tit. 4, Ch. 17

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Arkansas

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Arkansas State Medical Board

Board/Agency Website <https://www.armedicalboard.org/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ark. Code Ann. tit. 17, Subt. 3, Ch. 105 (West)
Code Ark. R. 007.29.1-24

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A bachelor's degree in some field of study is required.

§ 17-105-102. Qualifications for licensure

(b) The board may grant a license as a physician assistant to an applicant who:

(10) After July 1, 1999, has at least a bachelor's degree in some field of study from a regionally accredited college or university, unless the applicant has:

(A) Prior service as a military corpsman and is a graduate of a physician assistant education program recognized by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or the applicant is currently certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants;

(B) Was serving as a physician assistant in a federal facility located in the State of Arkansas on or after July 1, 1999, and who is a graduate of a physician assistant education program recognized by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs;

(C) Was licensed in good standing on June 30, 1999, by the board; or

(D) Was enrolled on or before July 1, 1999, in a physician assistant program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-105-102 (West)

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State/Territory California

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework § 1399.530. General Requirements for an Approved Program.

(a) A program for instruction of physician assistants shall meet the following requirements for approval:

(1) The educational program shall be established in educational institutions accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by Council for Higher Education Accreditation ("CHEA") or its successor organization, or the U.S. Department of Education, Division of Accreditation, which are affiliated with clinical facilities that have been evaluated by the educational program.

(2) The educational program shall develop an evaluation mechanism to determine the effectiveness of its theoretical and clinical program.

(3) Course work shall carry academic credit; however, an educational program may enroll students who elect to complete such course work without academic credit.

(4) The medical director of the educational program shall be a physician who holds a current license to practice medicine from any state or territory of the United States or, if the program is located in California, holds a current California license to practice medicine.

(5) The educational program shall require a three-month preceptorship for each student in the outpatient practice of a physician or equivalent experience which may be integrated throughout the program or may occur as the final part of the educational program in accordance with Sections 1399.535 and 1399.536.

(6) Each program shall submit an annual report regarding its compliance with this section on a form provided by the board.

(b) Those educational programs accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA") shall be deemed approved by the board. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the board from disapproving an educational program which does not comply with the requirements of this article. Approval under this section terminates automatically upon termination of an educational program's accreditation by ARC-PA.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 1399.530

§ 1399.539. Identification of Trainees in Approved Programs.

A trainee enrolled in an approved program for physician assistants shall at all times wear an identification badge on an outer garment and in plain view, which states the student's name and the title:

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDENT or PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINEE

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 1399.539

Supervised Experience (In-Program) § 1399.530. General Requirements for an Approved Program.

(a) A program for instruction of physician assistants shall meet the following requirements for approval:

(5) The educational program shall require a three-month preceptorship for each student in the outpatient practice of a physician or equivalent experience which may be integrated throughout the program or may occur as the final part of the educational program in accordance with Sections 1399.535 and 1399.536.

An approved program shall have a preceptorship training program which meets the following criteria:

(a) Continuous orientation of preceptors to the goals and purposes of the total educational program as well as the preceptorship training;

(b) Establishment of a program whereby the preceptor shall not be the sole person responsible for the clinical instruction or evaluation of the preceptee.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 1399.535

(a) "Preceptorship" is the supervised clinical practice phase of a physician assistant student's training. Each preceptorship shall include, at a minimum, supervision of the preceptee by a licensed physician preceptor. Other licensed health care providers approved by a program may serve as preceptors to supplement physician-supervised clinical practice experiences. Each preceptor participating in the preceptorship of an approved program shall:

(1) Be a licensed health care provider who is engaged in the practice of the profession for which he or she is validly licensed and whose practice is sufficient to adequately expose preceptees to a full range of experience. The practice need not be restricted to an office setting but may take place in licensed facilities,

such as hospitals, clinics, etc.

(2) Not have had his or her professional license terminated, suspended, or otherwise restricted as a result of a final disciplinary action (excluding judicial review of that action) by any state healing arts licensing board or any agency of the federal government, including the military, within 5 years immediately preceding his or her participation in a preceptorship.

(3) By reason of his or her professional education, specialty and nature of practice be sufficiently qualified to teach and supervise preceptees within the scope of his or her license.

(4) Teach and supervise the preceptee in accordance with the provisions and limitations of sections 1399.540 and 1399.541.

(5) Obtain the necessary patient consent as required in section 1399.538.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the approved program to ensure that preceptors comply with the foregoing requirements.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "licensed health care provider" includes, but is not limited to, a physician and surgeon, a physician assistant, a registered nurse certified in advanced practices, a certified nurse midwife, a licensed clinical social worker, a marriage and family therapist, a licensed educational psychologist, and a licensed psychologist.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 1399.536

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name California Physician Assistant Board

Board/Agency Website <https://www.pab.ca.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § D. 2, Ch. 7.7, art. 1 (West)

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 1399.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) § 3502.1. Furnishing or ordering drugs or devices; practice agreement; requirements and supervision by physician and surgeon; furnishing Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances; educational requirements

In addition to the medical services authorized in the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 3502, and except as prohibited by Section 3502, a PA may furnish or order a drug or device subject to all of the following:

(e)(1) The PA has satisfactorily completed a course in pharmacology covering the drugs or devices to be furnished or ordered under this section or has completed a program for instruction of PAs that meet the requirements of Section 1399.530 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, as that provision read on June 7, 2019.

(2) A physician and surgeon through a practice agreement may determine the extent of supervision necessary pursuant to this section in the furnishing or ordering of drugs and devices.

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 3502.1 (West)

§ 1399.530. General Requirements for an Approved Program.

(b) Those educational programs accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARCPA") shall be deemed approved by the board. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the board from disapproving an educational program which does not comply with the requirements of this article. Approval under this section terminates automatically upon termination of an educational program's accreditation by ARC-PA.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 1399.530

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes § 3521.2. Fees; physician assistant training programs

The fees to be paid by physician assistant training programs are to be set by the board as follows:

(a) An application fee not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be charged to each applicant seeking program approval by the board.

(b) An approval fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be charged to each program upon its approval by the board.

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 3521.2 (West)

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State/Territory Colorado

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

As of April 4, 2024, the PA compact has been enacted in seven states. The PA Compact legislation specifies that the compact needs seven member states to become active.

However, this does not mean that PAs can practice yet in other compact member states. Instead, there is still an estimated 18-24 month process before the compact is fully operational and PAs can apply for a privilege to practice. Below is a timeline of the process.

Board/Agency Name Colorado Medical Board

Board/Agency Website <https://dpo.colorado.gov/Medical>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-240-113 (West)

3 Colo. Code Regs. § 713-7:400

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Connecticut

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework § 20-12b. Physician assistant license. Temporary permit. Penalties

(a) The department may, upon receipt of a fee of one hundred ninety dollars, issue a physician assistant license to an applicant who: (1) Holds a baccalaureate or higher degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; (2) has graduated from an accredited physician assistant program; (3) has passed the certification examination of the national commission; (4) has satisfied the mandatory continuing medical education requirements of the national commission for current certification by such commission and has passed any examination or continued competency assessment the passage of which may be required by the national commission for maintenance of current certification by such commission; and (5) has completed not less than sixty hours of didactic instruction in pharmacology for physician assistant practice approved by the department.

(Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 20-12b (West))

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Connecticut Medical Examining Board

Board/Agency Website <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Connecticut-Medical-Examining-Board/Connecticut-Medical-Examining-Board>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 20-12a (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A baccalaureate or higher degree in any field is required.

§ 20-12b. Physician assistant license. Temporary permit. Penalties

(a) The department may, upon receipt of a fee of one hundred ninety dollars, issue a physician assistant license to an applicant who: (1) Holds a baccalaureate or higher degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; (2) has graduated from an accredited physician assistant program; (3) has passed the certification examination of the national commission; (4) has satisfied the mandatory continuing medical education requirements of the national commission for current certification by such commission and has passed any examination or continued competency assessment the passage of which may be required by the national commission for maintenance of current certification by such commission; and (5) has completed not less than sixty hours of didactic instruction in pharmacology for physician assistant practice approved by the department.

(Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 20-12b (West))

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State/Territory Delaware

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

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Board/Agency Name Delaware Regulatory Council for Physician Assistants

Board/Agency Website https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/medicalpractice/committee_paac/

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Del. Code Ann. tit. 24, § 1770 (West)

Code Del. Regs. 1700-13.0

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A baccalaureate degree or equivalent is required.

(4) "Physician assistant" or "PA" means an individual who meets all of the following:

b. Has a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent education to a baccalaureate degree, as determined by the Council and the Board.

Del. Code Ann. tit. 24, § 1770A (West)

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State/Territory District of Columbia
License Title Physician Assistant (PA)
Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA)
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No
Curriculum Comparison Needed? No
Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)
Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No
Board/Agency Name District of Columbia Board of Medicine Advisory Committee on Physician Assistants
Board/Agency Website <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/physician-assistants-initial-license-application-package>
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation D.C. Code Ann. § 3-1205.04 (West)
D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 4900
Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found
Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
Notes None
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State/Territory Federated States of Micronesia
License Title None found
Specialized Accreditation Required? N/A
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? N/A
Curriculum Comparison Needed? N/A
Specific Coursework N/A
Supervised Experience (In-Program) N/A
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? N/A
Board/Agency Name None found
Board/Agency Website N/A
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N/A
Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? N/A
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? N/A
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) N/A
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) N/A
Exam(s) Required N/A
Notes None
Last Reviewed Date 8/14/2024
Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Florida

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Florida Board of Medicine Council on Physician Assistants

Board/Agency Website <https://flboardofmedicine.gov/board-comm/council-on-physician-assistants/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Fla. Stat. Ann. § 458.347 (West)

Fla. Admin. Code Ann. r. 64B8-30.001

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A master's degree from an approved program or has passed the PANCE is required.

Effective: June 21, 2023

West's F.S.A. § 458.347

458.347. Physician assistants

(6) Physician assistant licensure.--

(a) Any person desiring to be licensed as a physician assistant must apply to the department. The department shall issue a license to any person certified by the council as having met all of the following requirements:

1. Is at least 18 years of age.

2. Has completed an approved program.

a. For an applicant who matriculated after December 31, 2020, has received a master's degree.

b. For an applicant who matriculated on or before December 31, 2020, has received a bachelor's or master's degree from an approved program.

c. For an applicant who graduated before July 1, 1994, has graduated from an approved program of instruction in primary health care or surgery.

d. For an applicant who graduated before July 1, 1983, has received a certification as a physician assistant from the boards.

e. The board may also grant a license to an applicant who does not meet the educational requirement specified in this subparagraph but who has passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 458.347 (West)

Last Reviewed Date 8/15/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Georgia

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No but if not a graduate of an accredited school approved by the Board, will be required to receive Board approved refresher training and testing

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

(1) An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must show to the satisfaction of the Board the following:

(c) Evidence of satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Board. The Board has approved or will approve those physician assistant programs of training offered by accredited colleges or universities, whose graduates are eligible for the examination administered by either the NCCPA or NCCAA or their successors, and whose curriculum consists of two or more academic years, including clinical experience in health care appropriate to the task of a physician assistant.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-5-.02

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (1) An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must show to the satisfaction of the Board the following:

(c) Evidence of satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Board. The Board has approved or will approve those physician assistant programs of training offered by accredited colleges or universities, whose graduates are eligible for the examination administered by either the NCCPA or NCCAA or their successors, and whose curriculum consists of two or more academic years, including clinical experience in health care appropriate to the task of a physician assistant.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-5-.02

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (1) An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must show to the satisfaction of the Board the following:

(c) Evidence of satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Board. The Board has approved or will approve those physician assistant programs of training offered by accredited colleges or universities, whose graduates are eligible for the examination administered by either the NCCPA or NCCAA or their successors, and whose curriculum consists of two or more academic years, including clinical experience in health care appropriate to the task of a physician assistant.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-5-.02

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Georgia Composite Medical Board

Board/Agency Website <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ga. Code Ann. tit. 43, Ch. 34, art. 4 (West)

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-5

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/15/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Guam

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Physician Assistant Examining Committee (“PAEC”) from an institution accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (“CAHEA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Guam Board of Medical Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://guamhplo.org/gbme>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation G.C.A. T. 10, Div. 1, Art. 16
25 GU ADC tit. 25, Ch. 10

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/15/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Hawaii

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditations, or its successor agency

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Hawaii Medical Board

Board/Agency Website <https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/medical/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 453-5.3 (West)
Haw. Code R. 16-85-44 (Weil)
Haw. Code R. 16-93-44 (Weil)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/15/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Idaho

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Idaho State Board of Medicine Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Board/Agency Website <https://elitepublic.bom.idaho.gov/IBOMPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Board=PAC>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1801 (West)
Idaho Admin. Code r. 24.33.02.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A baccalaureate degree

Effective: July 1, 2024

I.C. § 54-1810A

§ 54-1810A. Physician assistant licensure

Any person seeking to be licensed to practice medicine as a physician assistant in this state must successfully complete the following requirements before a license will be issued:

- (1) Each applicant must submit a completed written application to the board on forms furnished by the board, which shall require proof of a college baccalaureate degree from a nationally accredited school and completion of a physician assistant training program acceptable to the board and accredited by the accreditation review commission on education for physician assistants;
- (2) Each applicant must submit proof of current certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or a similar certifying agency approved by the board; and
- (3) The application shall require a fingerprint-based criminal history check in accordance with section 67-9411A, Idaho Code.

Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1810A (West)

Last Reviewed Date 8/15/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Illinois

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee to the Medical Licensing Board

Board/Agency Website <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/physicianassistant.html>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation ILCS Ch. 225, ACT 95

Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68, § Ch. VII, Subch. B, Pt. 1350

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) 570/303.05. Mid-level practitioner registration
§ 303.05. Mid-level practitioner registration.

(a) The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall register licensed physician assistants, licensed advanced practice registered nurses, and prescribing psychologists licensed under Section 4.2 of the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act1 to prescribe and dispense controlled substances under Section 303 and euthanasia agencies to purchase, store, or administer animal euthanasia drugs under the following circumstances:

(1) with respect to physician assistants,

(A) the physician assistant has been delegated written authority to prescribe any Schedule III through V controlled substances by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in accordance with Section 7.5 of the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987;2 and the physician assistant has completed the appropriate application forms and has paid the required fees as set by rule; or

(B) the physician assistant has been delegated authority by a collaborating physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches to prescribe or dispense Schedule II controlled substances through a written delegation of authority and under the following conditions:

(i) Specific Schedule II controlled substances by oral dosage or topical or transdermal application may be delegated, provided that the delegated Schedule II controlled substances are routinely prescribed by the collaborating physician. This delegation must identify the specific Schedule II controlled substances by either brand name or generic name. Schedule II controlled substances to be delivered by injection or other route of administration may not be delegated;

(ii) any delegation must be of controlled substances prescribed by the collaborating physician;

(iii) all prescriptions must be limited to no more than a 30-day supply, with any continuation authorized only after prior approval of the collaborating physician;

(iv) the physician assistant must discuss the condition of any patients for whom a controlled substance is prescribed monthly with the delegating physician;

(v) the physician assistant must have completed the appropriate application forms and paid the required fees as set by rule;

(vi) the physician assistant must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of 45 contact hours in pharmacology from any physician assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), or its predecessor agency, for any new license issued with Schedule II authority after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly; and
(vii) the physician assistant must annually complete at least 5 hours of continuing education in pharmacology;

720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 570/303.05

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/15/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Indiana

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

Board/Agency Website <https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/physician-assistant-home/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ind. Code Ann. § 25-27.5-2-1 (West)

844 Ind. Admin. Code 2.2-1.1-1

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Pharmacology training; certified in advanced cardiopulmonary life support; and, has knowledge of and training in the medications used in moderate sedation, including recommended doses, contraindications, and adverse reactions.

25-27.5-5-4 Use and dispensing of prescription drugs

Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in this section, a physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, and administer drugs and medical devices or services to the extent delegated by the collaborating physician.

(b) A physician assistant may not prescribe, dispense, or administer ophthalmic devices, including glasses, contact lenses, and low vision devices.

(c) A physician assistant may use or dispense only drugs prescribed or approved by the collaborating physician, in accordance with IC 25-1-9.3. A physician assistant may not prescribe or dispense a schedule I controlled substance listed in IC 35-48-2-4.

(d) A physician assistant may request, receive, and sign for professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients if the samples are within the scope of the physician assistant's prescribing privileges delegated by the collaborating physician.

(e) A physician assistant may not prescribe drugs unless the physician assistant has:

(1) graduated from an accredited physician assistant program;

(2) received the required pharmacology training from the accredited program; and

(3) the collaborating physician perform the review required by IC 25-27.5-6-1(c)(1).

(f) A physician assistant may not prescribe, administer, or monitor general anesthesia, regional anesthesia, or deep sedation as defined by the board. A physician assistant may not administer moderate sedation:

(1) if the moderate sedation contains agents in which the manufacturer's general warning advises that the drug should be administered and monitored by an individual who is:

(A) experienced in the use of general anesthesia; and

(B) not involved in the conduct of the surgical or diagnostic procedure; and

(2) during diagnostic tests, surgical procedures, or obstetric procedures unless the following conditions are met:

(A) A physician is physically present in the area, is immediately available to assist in the management of the patient, and is qualified to rescue patients from deep sedation.

(B) The physician assistant is qualified to rescue patients from deep sedation and is competent to manage a compromised airway and provide adequate oxygenation and ventilation by reason of meeting the following conditions:

(i) The physician assistant is certified in advanced cardiopulmonary life support.

(ii) The physician assistant has knowledge of and training in the medications used in moderate sedation, including recommended doses, contraindications, and adverse reactions.

Ind. Code Ann. § 25-27.5-5-4 (West)

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/16/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Iowa

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Iowa Board of Physician Assistants

Board/Agency Website <https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medical/physician-assistants/how-do-i-physician-assistant>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Iowa Code Ann. tit. IV, Subt. 3, Ch. 148C (West)

Iowa Admin. Code r. Agcy. 645, Ch. 326

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes As of July 1, 2023, Professional Licensing and other health and occupational licenses will become part of the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) as a new organizational structure for state government goes into effect.

Last Reviewed Date 8/16/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Kansas

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Board/Agency Website <http://www.ksbha.org/main.shtml>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-28a01 (West)
Kan. Admin. Regs. 100-28a-1a

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/16/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Kentucky

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Board/Agency Website <https://kbml.ky.gov/ah/Pages/Physician-Assistant.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 311.840 (West)
201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 9:016

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/16/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Louisiana

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), or its predecessors or successors, including but not limited to the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant,

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Physician Assistants Advisory Committee

Board/Agency Website <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/physician-assistants>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 46 La. Admin. Code Pt XLV, 1501

La. Stat. Ann. § T. 37, Ch. 15, Pt. V

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and take and successfully complete the Online Education Course and Quiz. This course will review the Rules pertaining to the practice of physician assistants in the state of Louisiana. Instructions and enrollment key will be provided upon receipt of application.

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/16/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Maine

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or the Commission for Accreditation of the Allied Health Education Programs, or the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or their successors; and/or who has passed the certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or its successor and possesses a current license issued by the Board. Only physician assistants who are currently certified by the NCCPA may use the initials PA-C.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

As of April 4, 2024, the PA compact has been enacted in seven states. The PA Compact legislation specifies that the compact needs seven member states to become active.

However, this does not mean that PAs can practice yet in other compact member states. Instead, there is still an estimated 18-24 month process before the compact is fully operational and PAs can apply for a privilege to practice. Below is a timeline of the process.

Board/Agency Name Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine

Board/Agency Website <https://www.maine.gov/md/licensure/pa-license>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, § 3270-E

Code Me. R. § 02-373 Ch. 2

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) 8. Criteria for Requiring Collaborative Agreements or Practice Agreements

A. Collaborative Agreement. Physician assistants with less than 4,000 hours of documented clinical practice must have one (1) of the following in order to render medical services under their Maine license:

- (1) A Board-approved collaborative practice agreement with a Maine physician holding an active, unrestricted physician license; or
- (2) A scope of practice agreement through employment with a health care system or physician group practice as defined by this rule that has a system of credentialing and granting of privileges.

B. Practice Agreement. Physician assistants with more than 4,000 hours of documented clinical practice as determined by the Board and who are the principal clinical provider without a physician partner or who own and/or operate an independent practice must have the following in order to render medical services under their Maine license:

- (1) A Board-approved practice agreement with a Maine physician holding an active, unrestricted physician license.

C. Physician assistants with more than 4,000 hours of documented clinical practice as determined by the Board and are employed with a health care facility or with a practice that includes a physician partner - regardless of whether or not the facility or practice have a system of credentialing and granting of privileges - are not required to have either a collaborative agreement or practice agreement.

D. Acceptable documentation of clinical practice includes, but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Copies of previous plans of supervision, together with physician reviews;
- (2) Copies of any credentialing and privileging scope of practice agreements, together with any employment or practice reviews;
- (3) Letter(s) from a physician(s) attesting to the physician assistant's competency to render the medical services proposed;
- (4) Attestation of completion of 4,000 hours of clinical practice, together with an employment history;
- (5) Verification of active licensure in the State of Maine or another jurisdiction for 24 months or longer.

Code Me. R. tit. 02-373 Ch. 2., § 6

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and an online jurisprudence

examination pertaining to the Board's laws and rules.

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/16/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Maryland

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the Accreditation Review Commission on the Education for the Physician Assistant, or their successors.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Maryland Physician Board Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Board/Agency Website https://www.mbp.state.md.us/licensure_ahapp_pa.aspx

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. tit. 15, Subt. 1 (West)

Md. Code Regs. T. 10, Subt. 32, Ch. 03

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) From the Board website:

What are the requirements for prescriptive authority?

Before PSPs delegate prescriptive authority to PAs, the PSP must attest that the PA has:

Passage of the NCCPA Exam within the previous 2 years of submitting the delegation agreement; OR

Provide documentation of successful completion of 8 Category I hours of pharmacology education within the previous 2 years of submitting the delegation agreement; AND

A Bachelor's degree or its equivalent (120 credit hours); OR

Two years of work experience as a physician assistant.

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A bachelor's degree or at least 120 credit hours of education at the college or university level is required.

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(b) An applicant who graduates from an accredited educational program for physician assistants under this section after October 1, 2003, shall have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 15-303 (West)

B. Education.

(1) An applicant who passed the physician assistant certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants before 1986 is not required to meet the education requirements specified in §B(2) or (3) of this regulation if both of the following are true:

(a) The applicant has met the continuing education requirements and recertification requirements of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants on a continuous basis since passing the examination; and

(b) The applicant has been employed and practicing as a physician assistant on a continuous basis since passing the examination.

(2) Except as specified in §B(1) of this regulation, an applicant shall graduate from a physician assistant educational program that was accredited at the time of graduation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the Accreditation Review Commission on the Education for the Physician Assistant, or their successors.

(3) In addition to the requirement specified in §B(2) of this regulation, an applicant who graduates from a physician assistant training program after October 1, 2003, shall have one of the following:

(a) A bachelor's degree; or

(b) At least 120 credit hours of education at the college or university level.

C. Examination. An applicant shall pass the national certifying examination for physician assistants given by the NCCPA or its successor.

D. Primary Source Verification. The Board may accept the Federation Credential Verification Service for

primary source verification of a physician assistant's education and examination.

Md. Code Regs. 10.32.03.04

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State/Territory Massachusetts

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants

Board/Agency Website <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-physician-assistants>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 112, § 9 (West)

Mass. Code Regs. tit. 263, Ch. 2.00

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Training in domestic violence and sexual violence.

A one-time course of training and education in the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with cognitive impairments, including, but not limited to, Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

Practitioners who prescribe controlled substances shall be required, as a prerequisite to obtaining or renewing their professional licenses, to complete appropriate training (Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 94C, § 18)

§ 264. Training and education relating to domestic and sexual violence as requirement for licensure; duties of certain boards

The board of registration in medicine, the board of registration in nursing, the board of registration of physician assistants, the board of nursing home administrators, the board of registration of social workers, the board of registration of psychologists and the board of registration of allied mental health and human services professions shall develop and administer standards for licensure, registration or certification pursuant to this chapter, as applicable, and any renewal thereof, that require training and education on the issue of domestic violence and sexual violence, including, but not limited to, the common physiological and psychological symptoms of domestic violence and sexual violence, the physiological and psychological effects of domestic violence and sexual violence on victims, including children who witness such abuse, the challenges of domestic violence and sexual violence victims who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, low-income, minority, immigrant or non-English speaking, availability of rape and sexual assault shelter and support services within the commonwealth. Training shall also address the pathology of offenders including, but not limited to, identifying the system of abusive behaviors used to maintain control, the intentionality of the violence, the tendency to minimize abuse and blame the victim and the risk to the victim created by joint counseling. Each board may work with community-based domestic violence, rape and sexual assault service providers and certified batterer's intervention programs in order to develop the standards required by this section. Each board shall: (i) promulgate rules and regulations establishing the standards required by this section; and (ii) identify programs or courses of study which meet these standards and the promulgated rules or regulations. Each board shall provide a list of the identified programs or courses of study to an applicant for licensure, registration or certification, or renewal thereof.

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 112, § 264 (West)

3.02: Requirements for Full Licensure

Any person who wishes to commence practice as a physician assistant shall apply for, and obtain, a certificate of registration as a physician assistant from the Board prior to commencing such practice.

(1) To qualify for a initial licensure as a physician assistant, an applicant must:

(f) Have completed training required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94C, § 18(e).

263 Mass. Code Regs. 3.02

§ 18. Issuance of prescription by practitioner or physician

(e) Practitioners who prescribe controlled substances, except veterinarians, shall be required, as a prerequisite to obtaining or renewing their professional licenses, to complete appropriate training relative to: (i) effective pain management; (ii) the risks of abuse and addiction associated with opioid medication; (iii) identification

of patients at risk for substance use disorders; (iv) counseling patients about the side effects, addictive nature and proper storage and disposal of prescription medications; (v) appropriate prescription quantities for prescription medications that have an increased risk of abuse; and (vi) opioid antagonists, overdose prevention treatments and instances in which a patient may be advised on both the use of and ways to access opioid antagonists and overdose prevention treatments. The boards of registration for each professional license that requires this training shall develop the standards for appropriate training programs.

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 94C, § 18 (West)

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A bachelor's degree or higher is required.

§ 9I. Registration of physician assistants; applications; requirements

Each applicant shall furnish the board with satisfactory proof of graduation from a training program approved by the board, having received a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university or an equivalent approved by the board, and having passed the certifying examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or other such certifying examination as specified or administered by the board.

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 112, § 9I (West)

Any person who wishes to commence practice as a physician assistant shall apply for, and obtain, a certificate of registration as a physician assistant from the Board prior to commencing such practice.

(1) To qualify for a initial licensure as a physician assistant, an applicant must:

(a) Be 18 years of age or older;

(b) Be of good moral character;

(c) Possess a baccalaureate degree or higher from an educational institution on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the Board;

263 Mass. Code Regs. 3.02

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State/Territory Michigan

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Pending

Board/Agency Name Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Board/Agency Website <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/pa#bcScope>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 333.16111 (West)

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.6101

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Human Trafficking Training – completion of a one-time training to identify victims of human trafficking is required for an individual seeking licensure that meets the standards of Administrative Rule 338.6103.

Implicit Bias Training– completion of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration is required.

Opioids and Controlled Substances Awareness Training - An individual seeking a controlled substance license or who is licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances must have completed training in opioids and controlled substances awareness that meets the standards established in the Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substances Administrative Rules, R 338.3135 prior to being issued a license

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.6103

R 338.6103. Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking; requirements.

Rule 103. (1) Under section 17060 of the code, MCL 333.17060, an individual seeking licensure or that is licensed shall have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that satisfies the following standards:

(a) Training content must cover all the following:

- (i) Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in this state and the United States.
- (ii) Identifying victims of human trafficking in healthcare settings.
- (iii) Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in healthcare settings for adults and minors.
- (iv) Identifying resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

(b) Acceptable providers or methods of training include any of the following:

- (i) Training offered by a nationally recognized or state-recognized, health-related organization.
- (ii) Training offered by, or in conjunction with, a state or federal agency.
- (iii) Training obtained in an educational program approved for initial licensure, or by a college or university.
- (iv) Reading an article related to the identification of victims of human trafficking that satisfies the requirements of subrule (1)(a) of this rule and is published in a peer-review journal, healthcare journal, or professional or scientific journal.

(c) Acceptable modalities of training may include any of the following:

- (i) Teleconference or webinar.
- (ii) Online presentation.
- (iii) Live presentation.
- (iv) Printed or electronic media.

(2) The department may select and audit an individual and request documentation of proof of completion of training. If audited by the department, an individual shall provide an acceptable proof of completion of training, including either of the following:

- (a) Proof of completion certificate issued by the training provider that includes the date, provider name, name of training, and individual's name.
- (b) A self-certification statement by the individual. The certification statement must include the individual's name and either of the following:

- (i) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(i) to (iii) of this rule, the date, training provider name, and name of training.
- (ii) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(iv) of this rule, the title of the article, author, publication name of the peer-review journal, healthcare journal, or professional or scientific journal, and the date, volume, and issue of publication, as applicable.
- (3) Under section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, the requirements specified in subrule (1) of this rule apply for license renewals beginning with the 2016 renewal cycle and for initial licenses issued after April 22, 2021.

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.6103

R 338.3135. Opioids and other controlled substances awareness training standards for prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances; requirements.

Rule 35. (1) An individual who is applying for or renewing a controlled substance license shall complete a training in opioids and controlled substances awareness before applying for the license or renewal. The training must meet the following standards:

(a) Training content must cover both of the following topics:

(i) Utilizing the MAPS.

(ii) State and federal laws regarding prescribing and dispensing controlled substances.

(b) Topics covered under subdivision (a) of this subrule may be obtained from more than 1 program.

(c) Acceptable providers or methods of training include the following:

(i) Training offered by a nationally recognized or state-recognized health-related organization.

(ii) Training offered by, or in conjunction with, a state or federal agency.

(iii) Training offered by a continuing education program or activity that is accepted by a licensing board established under article 15 of the code, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(iv) Training obtained in an educational program that has been approved by a board established under article 15 of the code, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, for initial licensure or registration, or by a college or university.

(d) Acceptable modalities of training include the following:

(i) Teleconference or webinar.

(ii) Online presentation.

(iii) Live presentation.

(iv) Printed or electronic media.

(2) A prescriber or dispenser may delegate, allow by a practice agreement, or order the prescribing or dispensing of a controlled substance as allowed by the code to an individual, other than a physician's assistant, only after the individual has complied with subrule (5) of this rule. A physician's assistant is subject to subrules (1), (3), and (4) of this rule.

(3) The department may select and audit licensees and request documentation of proof of completion of training. A licensee shall maintain proof of completion of training for 3 renewal periods plus 1 additional year. If audited, the individual shall provide an acceptable proof of completion of training, including 1 of the following:

(a) A completion certificate issued by the training provider that includes the date, the provider's name, name of the training, and the individual's name.

(b) A self-attestation by the individual that includes the date, the provider's name, name of the training, and the individual's name.

(4) An individual who has been issued a controlled substance license under section 7303 of the code, MCL 333.7303, shall complete the controlled substance training required by subrule (1) of this rule, as follows:

(a) A licensee who is renewing a controlled substance license shall complete the controlled substance training by the end of the first renewal cycle that begins after January 4, 2019.

(b) Other than a license renewal under subdivision (a) of this subrule, beginning September 1, 2019, the department shall not issue a controlled substance license until the applicant provides proof of having completed the controlled substance training.

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.3135

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Minnesota

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

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Board/Agency Name Minnesota Board of Medical Practice

Board/Agency Website <https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/licensing/applicants/apply/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Minn. Stat. Ann. § 147A.01 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) (c) A physician assistant who qualifies for licensure must practice for at least 2,080 hours, within the context of a collaborative agreement, within a hospital or integrated clinical setting where physician assistants and physicians work together to provide patient care. The physician assistant shall submit written evidence to the board with the application, or upon completion of the required collaborative practice experience. For purposes of this paragraph, a collaborative agreement is a mutually agreed upon plan for the overall working relationship and collaborative arrangement between a physician assistant, and one or more physicians licensed under chapter 147, that designates the scope of services that can be provided to manage the care of patients. The physician assistant and one of the collaborative physicians must have experience in providing care to patients with the same or similar medical conditions. The collaborating physician is not required to be physically present so long as the collaborating physician and physician assistant are or can be easily in contact with each other by radio, telephone, or other telecommunication device.

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 147A.02 (West)

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes 2,080 practice hours within the context of a collaborative agreement

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Minn. Stat. Ann. § 147A.02 (West)

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State/Territory Mississippi

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs or its predecessor or successor agency

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

Board/Agency Website https://www.msbml.ms.gov/Licensure/Physician_Assistant

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Miss. Code. Ann. § 73-26 (West)

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 2615, R. 1.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes a master's degree in a health-related or science field is required.

§ 73-26-3. Eligibility for licensure; criminal history check

(1) The State Board of Medical Licensure shall license and regulate the practice of physician assistants in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(3) Before December 31, 2004, applicants for physician assistant licensure, except those licensed under subsection (2) of this section, must be graduates of physician assistant educational programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs or its predecessor or successor agency, have passed the certification examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), have current NCCPA certification, and possess a minimum of a baccalaureate degree. Physician assistants meeting these licensure requirements will be eligible for license renewal so long as they meet standard renewal requirements.

(4) On or after December 31, 2004, applicants for physician assistant licensure must meet all of the requirements in subsection (3) of this section and, in addition, must have obtained a minimum of a master's degree in a health-related or science field.

(5) Applicants for licensure who meet all licensure requirements except for the master's degree may be granted a temporary license by the board so long as they can show proof of enrollment in a master's program that will, when completed, meet the master's degree requirement. The temporary license will be valid for no longer than one (1) year, and may not be renewed.

Miss. Code. Ann. § 73-26-3 (West)

MAPA Assistance

Seeking licensure as a Physician Assistant in Mississippi is a legally required and exacting process as organized through the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure. To that end the leadership of the Mississippi Academy of Physician Assistants, a statewide professional PA organization, has volunteered to assist any new PA applicant in seeking this licensure. This would include assistance with paperwork submission, protocol review, and professional advice. For any further information please contact:

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State/Territory Missouri

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts

Board/Agency Website <https://pr.mo.gov/healingarts.asp>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Mo. Ann. Stat. tit. XXII, Ch. 334 (West)

Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, § 2150-7.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) 334.747. Prescribing controlled substances authorized, when--collaborating physicians--certification

3. A physician assistant shall receive a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the board of healing arts upon verification of the completion of the following educational requirements:

(1) Successful completion of an advanced pharmacology course that includes clinical training in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices. A course or courses with advanced pharmacological content in a physician assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its predecessor agency shall satisfy such requirement;

(2) Completion of a minimum of three hundred clock hours of clinical training by the collaborating physician in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices;

(3) Completion of a minimum of one year of supervised clinical practice or supervised clinical rotations. One year of clinical rotations in a program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its predecessor agency, which includes pharmacotherapeutics as a component of its clinical training, shall satisfy such requirement. Proof of such training shall serve to document experience in the prescribing of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices;

(4) A physician assistant previously licensed in a jurisdiction where physician assistants are authorized to prescribe controlled substances may obtain a state bureau of narcotics and dangerous drugs registration if a collaborating physician can attest that the physician assistant has met the requirements of subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection and provides documentation of existing federal Drug Enforcement Agency registration.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.747 (West)

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) 334.747. Prescribing controlled substances authorized, when--collaborating physicians--certification

3. A physician assistant shall receive a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the board of healing arts upon verification of the completion of the following educational requirements:

(2) Completion of a minimum of three hundred clock hours of clinical training by the collaborating physician in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices;

(3) Completion of a minimum of one year of supervised clinical practice or supervised clinical rotations. One year of clinical rotations in a program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its predecessor agency, which includes pharmacotherapeutics as a component of its clinical training, shall satisfy such requirement. Proof of such training shall serve to document experience in the prescribing of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices;

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.747 (West)

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A master's degree from a physician assistant program is required.

334.735. Definitions--scope of practice--prohibited activities--board of healing arts to administer licensing program--duties and liability of physicians--collaborative practice arrangement requirements

6. The licensing of physician assistants shall take place within processes established by the state board of

registration for the healing arts through rule and regulation. The board of healing arts is authorized to establish rules pursuant to chapter 536 establishing licensing and renewal procedures, collaboration, collaborative practice arrangements, fees, and addressing such other matters as are necessary to protect the public and discipline the profession. An application for licensing may be denied or the license of a physician assistant may be suspended or revoked by the board in the same manner and for violation of the standards as set forth by section 334.100, or such other standards of conduct set by the board by rule or regulation. Persons licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 335 shall not be required to be licensed as physician assistants. All applicants for physician assistant licensure who complete a physician assistant training program after January 1, 2008, shall have a master's degree from a physician assistant program.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 334.735 (West)

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State/Territory Montana

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Montana Board of Medical Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/medical-examiners/license-information/physician-assistant>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Mont. Code Ann. tit. 37, Ch. 20 (West)

Mont. Admin. R. 24.156.1601

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) A physician assistant new to Montana practice must also submit certificate of completion for the board-approved online education for physicians and physician assistants in supervision relationships. This online education is available through the Board's website.

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Nebraska

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

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Board/Agency Name Nebraska Physician Assistant Committee

Board/Agency Website <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/physician-assistant.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 38-2046 (West)

172 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 90

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Nevada

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by one of the following entities affiliated with the American Medical Association or its successor organization:

- (a) The Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or its successor organization;
- (b) The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization; or
- (c) The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor organization.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Nevada Board of Medical Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://medboard.nv.gov/Forms/PhysicianAsst/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 630. (West)

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 630.271 (West)

Nev. Admin. Code 630.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Proof of 4 hours bioterrorism AMA Category 1 continuing medical education (CME) relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction. Search for an online course by entering “AMA Category

1 bioterrorism continuing medical education” or take a classroom course;

☐ Proof of 2 hours AMA Category 1 continuing medical education (CME) in clinically-based suicide prevention and awareness;

☐ Proof of 2 hours AMA Category 1 continuing medical education (CME) in the screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment approach to substance use disorder.

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Effective: June 2, 2023

NAC 630.280

630.280. Qualifications of applicants.

An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must have the following qualifications:

4. Have attended and completed a course of training in residence as a physician assistant approved by one of the following entities affiliated with the American Medical Association or its successor organization:

- (a) The Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or its successor organization;
- (b) The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization; or
- (c) The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor organization.

Nev. Admin. Code 630.280

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A postsecondary degree is required

Effective: June 2, 2023

NAC 630.280

630.280. Qualifications of applicants.

An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must have the following qualifications:

6. Possess a postsecondary degree.

Nev. Admin. Code 630.280

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State/Territory New Hampshire

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name New Hampshire Board of Medicine

Board/Agency Website <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-medicine>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. XXX, Ch. 328-D
N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed §

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 8/18/2024

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State/Territory New Jersey

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Pending

Board/Agency Name New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pa/Pages/default.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.J. Stat. Ann. § 45:9-27.10 (West)

N.J. Admin. Code § 13:35-2B.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes § 823. Registration requirements

(1)2Required training for prescribers

(1) Training required

As a condition on registration under this section to dispense controlled substances in schedule II, III, IV, or V, the Attorney General shall require any qualified practitioner, beginning with the first applicable registration for the practitioner, to meet the following:

(B) If the practitioner is not a physician (as defined under section 1395x(r) of Title 42), the practitioner is legally authorized by the State to dispense controlled substances under schedule II, III, IV, or V and is dispensing such substances within such State in accordance with all applicable State laws, and the practitioner meets one or more of the following conditions:

(i) The practitioner has completed not fewer than 8 hours of training with respect to the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders (through classroom situations, seminars at professional society meetings, electronic communications, or otherwise) provided by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic Association, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the American Academy of Physician Associates, or any other organization approved or accredited by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use or the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

(ii) The practitioner has graduated in good standing from an accredited physician assistant school or accredited school of advanced practice nursing in the United States during the 5-year period immediately preceding the date on which the practitioner first registers or renews under this section and has successfully completed a comprehensive physician assistant or advanced practice nursing curriculum that included not fewer than 8 hours of training on treating and managing patients with opioid and other substance use disorders, including the appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a substance use disorder.

21 U.S.C.A. § 823 (West)

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State/Territory New Mexico

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the committee on allied health education and accreditation (CAHEA) of the American medical association, the accreditation review committee on education for the physician assistant (ARC-PA) or its successor agency

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name New Mexico Medical Board

Board/Agency Website <https://www.nmmb.state.nm.us/the-board/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-6C (West)
N.M. Admin. Code 16.10.15.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory New York

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes, a program approved by the New York State Education Department as licensure qualifying or accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or a program that is determined by the Department to be the substantial equivalent of a licensure qualifying or accredited program.

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes, if not ARC-PA accredited

Specific Coursework 1. (d) has satisfactorily completed an approved program for the training of physician assistants. The approved program for the training of physician assistants shall include not less than forty weeks of supervised clinical training and thirty-two credit hours of classroom work. Applicants for a license as a physician assistant who have completed an approved program leading to a bachelor's degree or equivalent in physician assistant studies shall be deemed to have satisfied this paragraph. The commissioner is empowered to determine whether an applicant possesses equivalent education and training, such as experience as a nurse or military corpsman, which may be accepted in lieu of all or part of an approved program;

N.Y. Educ. Law § 6541 (McKinney)

Section 60.8. Licensure of physician assistants

(b) Professional study.

(3) Equivalent education and training. In lieu of all or part of a registered program for the training of physician assistants, the commissioner may accept evidence of an extensive health oriented education and of appropriate experience and training. The commissioner may require such an applicant to pass an examination acceptable to the department as set forth in subdivision (c) of this section and to make up any deficiencies in education or experience prior to licensure.

N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 8, § 60.8

Supervised Experience (In-Program) 1. (d) has satisfactorily completed an approved program for the training of physician assistants. The approved program for the training of physician assistants shall include not less than forty weeks of supervised clinical training and thirty-two credit hours of classroom work.

N.Y. Educ. Law § 6541 (McKinney)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name New York State Education Department Physician Assistant License

Board/Agency Website <https://www.op.nysed.gov/physician-assistants>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.Y. Educ. Law Ch. 16, tit. VIII, art. 131-B (McKinney)

N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 8, § 60.8

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Every practicing physician assistant must complete approved coursework or training appropriate to the professional's practice in infection control and barrier precautions, including engineering and work practice controls, to prevent the transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the hepatitis B virus (HBV) in the course of professional practice. See additional information and a list of approved providers for this training.

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) From the Agency's website:

For a program for the training of physician assistants to be determined substantially equivalent to a licensure qualifying or accredited program, it must include:

at least 32 semester hours of classroom work; and

40 weeks (1,600 clock hours) of supervised clinical training.

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A bachelor's or equivalent degree is required.

1. To qualify for a license as a physician assistant, each person shall pay a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars to the department for admission to a department conducted examination, a fee of forty-five dollars for each reexamination and a fee of seventy dollars for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination and shall also submit satisfactory evidence, verified by oath or affirmation, that he or she:

(c) has received an education including a bachelor's or equivalent degree in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

N.Y. Educ. Law § 6541 (McKinney)

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State/Territory North Carolina

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Pending

Board/Agency Name North Carolina Medical Board

Board/Agency Website <https://www.ncmedboard.org/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 90-9.3

21 N.C. Admin. Code 32S.0201

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory North Dakota

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name North Dakota Board of Medicine

Board/Agency Website <https://www.ndbom.org/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 43-17 (West)

N.D. Admin. Code 50-03-01-01.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Northern Mariana Islands

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name CNMI Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB)

Board/Agency Website <https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation <https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Part-4100-Physicians-Assistant.pdf>

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes At least a bachelor's degree as a Physician Assistant or Physician Associate from a program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission for the Education of Physician Assistants (ARC-PA) is required.
§ 185-10-4105 Requirements for Licensure

(a) An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must be at least twenty-one years of age, is a U.S. citizen or a foreign national lawfully entitled to remain and work in the Commonwealth, and meets the following requirements:

(1) Applicant has at least a Bachelor's Degree as a Physician Assistant or Physician Associate from a program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission for the Education of Physician Assistants (ARC-PA), or prior to 2001, either by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs;

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State/Territory Ohio

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

As of April 4, 2024, the PA compact has been enacted in seven states. The PA Compact legislation specifies that the compact needs seven member states to become active.

However, this does not mean that PAs can practice yet in other compact member states. Instead, there is still an estimated 18-24 month process before the compact is fully operational and PAs can apply for a privilege to practice. Below is a timeline of the process.

Board/Agency Name Ohio Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board

Board/Agency Website <https://med.ohio.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ohio Rev. Code Ann. tit. XLVII, Ch. 4730 (West)

Ohio Admin. Code 4730

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A master's degree or higher is required.

(A) To be eligible to receive a license to practice as a physician assistant, all of the following apply to an applicant:

(1) The applicant shall be at least eighteen years of age.

(2) The applicant shall hold current certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or a successor organization that is recognized by the state medical board.

(3) The applicant shall meet either of the following requirements:

(a) The educational requirements specified in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section;

(b) The educational or other applicable requirements specified in division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(B) For purposes of division (A)(3)(a) of this section, an applicant shall meet either of the following educational requirements:

(1) The applicant shall hold a master's or higher degree obtained from a program accredited by an organization recognized by the board.

(2) The applicant shall hold both of the following degrees:

(a) A degree other than a master's or higher degree obtained from a program accredited by an organization recognized by the board;

(b) A master's or higher degree in a course of study with clinical relevance to the practice of physician assistants and obtained from a program accredited by a regional or specialized and professional accrediting agency recognized by the board.

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4730.11 (West)

Last Reviewed Date 8/19/2024

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State/Territory Oklahoma

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

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However, this does not mean that PAs can practice yet in other compact member states. Instead, there is still an estimated 18-24 month process before the compact is fully operational and PAs can apply for a privilege to practice. Below is a timeline of the process.

Board/Agency Name Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

Board/Agency Website https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physician_assistants#about

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 59, § 519.1 (West)

Okla. Admin. Code 435:15-1-1

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and Jurisprudence exam

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Oregon

License Title Physician Associate

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (C.A.H.E.A.), the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (C.A.A.H.E.P.), or the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (A.R.C.P.A.).

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Oregon Medical Board for the State of Oregon

Board/Agency Website <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/licensing/Pages/default.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 677.495 (West)

Or. Admin. R. 847-050-0010

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and an open-book examination on the Medical Practice Act (ORS chapter 677) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) chapter 847, division 050

Notes None

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State/Territory Pennsylvania

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the American Medical Association's CAHEA, the CAAHEP, ARC-PA or a successor organization

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (c) Criteria.--The board shall grant physician assistant licenses to applicants who have fulfilled the following criteria:

(1) Satisfactory performance on the proficiency examination to the extent that a proficiency examination exists.

(2) Satisfactory completion of a certified program for the training and education of physician assistants.

(3) For candidates for initial licensure after January 1, 2004, obtainment of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university and completion of not less than 60 clock hours of didactic instruction in pharmacology or other related courses as the board may approve by regulation

63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 422.36 (West)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Pennsylvania Board of Medicine

Board/Agency

Website <https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Medicine/Pages/Physician-Assistant-Licensure-Requirements-Snapshot.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 422. (West)

49 Pa. Code § 18.121

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Completion of at least 3 hours of approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting in accordance with § 16.108(a) (relating to child abuse recognition and reporting--mandatory training requirement).

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A bachelor's degree and completion of not less than 60 clock hours of didactic instruction in pharmacology or other related courses is required.

(c) Criteria.--The board shall grant physician assistant licenses to applicants who have fulfilled the following criteria:

(1) Satisfactory performance on the proficiency examination to the extent that a proficiency examination exists.

(2) Satisfactory completion of a certified program for the training and education of physician assistants.

(3) For candidates for initial licensure after January 1, 2004, obtainment of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university and completion of not less than 60 clock hours of didactic instruction in pharmacology or other related courses as the board may approve by regulation

63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 422.36 (West)

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Puerto Rico

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Puerto Rico Department of Health

Board/Agency Website <https://www.salud.gov.pr/CMS/356>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation <https://www.salud.gov.pr/CMS/DOWNLOAD/4829>

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Republic of Palau

License Title None found

Specialized Accreditation Required? N/A

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? N/A

Curriculum Comparison Needed? N/A

Specific Coursework N/A

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? N/A

Board/Agency Name None found

Board/Agency Website N/A

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N/A

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? N/A

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? N/A

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) N/A

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) N/A

Exam(s) Required N/A

Notes None

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State/Territory Republic of the Marshall Islands
License Title None found
Specialized Accreditation Required? N/A
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? N/A
Curriculum Comparison Needed? N/A
Specific Coursework N/A
Supervised Experience (In-Program) N/A
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? N/A
Board/Agency Name None found
Board/Agency Website [N/A](#)
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N/A
Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? N/A
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? N/A
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) N/A
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) N/A
Exam(s) Required N/A
Notes None
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State/Territory Rhode Island
License Title Physician Assistant (PA)
Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the AMA's Committee on Allied Health, Education, and Accreditation, its successor, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), its successor, or the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCPE), or its successor
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No
Curriculum Comparison Needed? No
Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)
Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No
Board/Agency Name Rhode Island Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants
Board/Agency Website <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/>
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 5 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 5-54 (West)
216 R.I. Code R. tit. 216, Ch. 40, Subch. 05, Pt. 24,
Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found
Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
Notes None
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State/Territory South Carolina

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://lir.sc.gov/med/pa.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation S.C. Code Ann. tit. 40, Ch. 47, art. 7
81-110. Repealed.

S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 81-110

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) § 40-47-965. Requirements for writing prescriptions for drugs, controlled substances, and medical devices.

(B) When applying for controlled substance prescriptive authority, the applicant shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) the PA shall provide evidence of education in pharmacotherapeutics as determined by the board before application;

S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-965

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory South Dakota

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements?

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name South Dakota State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://www.sdbmoe.gov/professions-physician-assistant-pa/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation S.D. Codified Laws tit. 36, Ch. 36-4A

S.D. Admin. R. art. 20:52

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Tennessee

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

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Board/Agency Name Tennessee Board of Physician Assistants

Board/Agency Website <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pa-board.html>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Tenn. Code Ann. tit. 63, Ch. 19 (West)

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-02

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1130-01

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Texas

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Texas Physician Assistant Board

Board/Agency Website <https://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/pa-board>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Tex. Occ. Code Ann. tit. 3, Subt. C, Ch. 204 (West)
22 Tex. Admin. Code § 185.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and jurisprudence exam

Notes None

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State/Territory U.S. Virgin Islands

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes, by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or by the predecessor or successor agency, and/or a person who has passed the certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://doh.vi.gov/programs/office-professional-licensure-and-health-planning>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation VI ST tit. 27, § 50a

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes The Board may grant a graduate license to an applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure except that the applicant has not yet taken the national certifying examination or is awaiting the results.

(a) A graduate license is valid

(1) for one year from the date of issuance;

(2) until the results of an applicant's examination are available or;

(3) until the Board makes a final decision on the applicant's request for licensure, whichever comes first.

(b) A graduate licensee who has not yet taken the examination shall take the next available examination.

Failure to do so is ground for revocation of the graduate license, unless the graduate licensee is unable to take the examination due to an emergency circumstance accepted as such by the Board. The Board may extend a graduate license, upon a majority vote of the board members, for a period not to exceed one year. Under no circumstances may the Board grant more than one extension of a graduate license.

VI ST tit. 27, § 50c

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State/Territory Utah

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (“ARC-PA”)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

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Board/Agency Name Utah Physician Assistant Licensing Board

Board/Agency Website <https://dopl.utah.gov/pa/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Utah Code Ann. tit. 58, Ch. 70a (West)

Utah Admin. Code r. R156-70a

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Beginning on June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online

DEA registration form—regardless of whether a registrant is completing their initial registration application or renewing their registration—affirming that they have completed the new training requirement on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.

<https://dopl.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/MATE-Training-Letter-Final.pdf>

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Vermont

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Vermont State Board of Medical Practice

Board/Agency Website <https://www.healthvermont.gov/systems/medical-practice-board>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 26, § 1731 (West)
12-5 Vt. Code R. § 200

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Virginia

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

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Board/Agency Name Virginia Advisory Board on Physician Assistants

Board/Agency

Website <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Medicine/AbouttheBoard/RegulatedProfessions/PhysicianAssistant/Statute/Regulation/Rule>

Citation Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-2949 (West)

18 Va. Admin. Code 85-50-10

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) 18 VAC 85-50-130. Qualifications for approval of prescriptive authority.

An applicant for prescriptive authority shall meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a current, unrestricted license as a physician assistant in the Commonwealth;
2. Maintain a practice agreement acceptable to the board as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-50-101 and § 54.1-2952.1 of the Code of Virginia; and
3. Submit evidence of successful completion of a minimum of 35 hours of acceptable training to the board in pharmacology.

18 Va. Admin. Code 85-50-130

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Washington

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the committee on allied health education and accreditation (CAHEA); the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs (CAAHEP); the accreditation review committee on education for the physician assistant (ARC-PA); or other substantially equivalent organization(s) approved by the commission

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

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Board/Agency Name Washington Medical Commission

Board/Agency Website <https://wmc.wa.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Wash. Rev. Code Ann. tit. 18, Ch. 18.71A (West)

Wash. Admin. Code T. 246, Ch. 246-918.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory West Virginia

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

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Board/Agency Name West Virginia Board of Medicine

Board/Agency Website <https://wvbom.wv.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-3E (West)

W. Va. Code R. tit. 11, Series 1B

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes A baccalaureate or master's degree from an accredited program of instruction for physician assistant is required.

(a) A person seeking licensure as a physician assistant shall apply to the Board of Medicine or to the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The appropriate board shall issue a license to practice as a physician assistant with the collaboration of that board's licensed physicians or podiatrists.

(b) A license may be granted to a person who:

(3) Demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that he or she:

(A) Obtained a baccalaureate or master's degree from an accredited program of instruction for physician assistants;

W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-3E-4 (West)

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State/Territory Wisconsin

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA")

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Legislation Enacted - Not Active

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Board/Agency Name Wisconsin Physician Assistant Affiliated Credentialing Board

Board/Agency Website <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/PhysicianAssistant/Default.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Wis. Stat. Ann. § 448.971 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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State/Territory Wyoming

License Title Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes, by the CAAHEP or its predecessor or successor organization, or the ARC-PA;

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet external requirements (i.e. specialized accreditation, certification, or exam)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Wyoming Board for the Certification of Physician Assistants

Board/Agency Website <https://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/physician-assistants>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-26-501 (West)

Wyo. Admin. Code 052.0001.5 § 1

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? Yes, current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None found

Exam(s) Required The Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

Notes None

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