Academic Guidelines

- Completion of a bachelor’s degree from a college or university regionally accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or the World Education Service (WES).
- A grade of “C” or above is required for all prerequisite courses, however, it is strongly recommended that prerequisites be completed with a grade of A or B.
- All science courses must be less than 10 years old at the time of application. The program strongly suggests that the Human Anatomy & Physiology series be completed at the same institute and within the past 5 years.

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*Generally, online/distance education formats are strongly discouraged for the science prerequisites that require a lab component. Such courses that were transitioned to an online format during the Covid timeframe of spring 2020 through spring 2021 will be accepted.

Admission Guidelines

- Submit all application materials to the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) at www.caspaonline.org including official transcripts for all institutions of higher education attended and three recommendations.
- As a part of the CASPA application, candidates prepare a graduate student quality admissions narrative to be evaluated by the admissions committee and a supplemental essay.
- Health-care experience (voluntary or paid) or observational experience with a physician assistant is not required, but is highly recommended.

Admission & Application

Summer II 2022 Admission
Final Deadline: October 1, 2021
Minimum GPAs: 3.0 overall cumulative, science, and SUPA prerequisites
Bachelor Degree: Required
Interview: Required

Applying through CASPA
Begin the online application process by going to https://portal.caspaonline.org/

Required Tests

- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our full policy: https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students

Foreign Transcripts

Must be evaluated by the World Education Service (WES) at www.wes.org before being sent to CASPA.

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For more information use our GR code below:
Division of Physician Assistant Studies Program

Shenandoah University's Physician Assistant (SUPA) program relies on the extensive experiences of a future-focused faculty and hands-on experiences in clinical rotations. The school partners with two collaborative and close allies, Valley Health System and Inova Health System. This is a graduate, entry-level professional course of study enabling individuals who hold baccalaureate degrees to become physician assistants. The program is designed to prepare graduates for practice with emphasis on service to medically underserved populations and the team approach to the delivery of health care. The program integrates graduate-level critical thinking and analysis, problem solving, scientific inquiry, self-directed learning, and the effective use of modern technology for professional practice.

Health Professions Building at the Winchester Medical Campus

Shenandoah University's Health Professions Building is located in historic Winchester, Virginia, on the campus of the Winchester Medical Center, a regional referral hospital, which is part of Valley Health System. The SUPA program is in the Northern Shenandoah Valley, an area that offers many opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hiking and camping at the nearby Shenandoah National Park.

Health & Life Sciences Building at the Main Winchester Campus

The Health & Life Sciences Building provides a state-of-the-art facility for health care education - replete with standard and active-learning classrooms, study and meeting spaces and lounges. It houses SU's School of Health Profession's 2,000 square-foot, 16-table cadaver lab; a nursing skills lab and simulation suite.

Scholar Plaza, Loudoun Site

Scholar Plaza Loudoun, located in Leesburg, VA, is on the campus of Loudoun Hospital, a nationally recognized hospital, which is part of the Inova Health System. Leesburg is part of the Northern Virginia metropolitan area - an area that offers access to the Dulles International Airport, the Potomac River, restaurants, shopping, and is 40 minutes northwest of Washington, DC.

SU PA Education Opportunities

Early Assurance Pathway

The Early Assurance Pathway is available to incoming undergraduate freshmen applicants who meet rigorous high school GPA requirements, and is highly competitive. This pathway guarantees an admission interview with a Shenandoah graduate program as long as criteria are maintained during the undergraduate years. The Physician Assistant Early Assurance Pathway offers 5 seats each year. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions at admit@su.edu.

PA/Master of Public Health Dual Degree

The dual program emphasizes primary-care in medically underserved populations through coursework that emphasizes broad knowledge and basic skills in public health (MPH) and medical practice. It prepares students to enter a wide range of PA and public health positions with the knowledge necessary to succeed in the rapidly evolving health system. The dual program is expected to take an additional two full-time semesters to complete the MPH after finishing the PA course sequence, for a total of 10 semesters for the two programs. There is also the option to complete the MPH on a part-time basis. Public Health courses are offered exclusively online.

PA/Performing Arts Medicine Certificate

Students in the Physician Assistant program also have the opportunity to earn a Performing Arts Certificate. This 15-credit certificate educates health care professionals on how to assess and manage injuries and disorders specific to those in performing arts.