**Physician Assistant** *(The Five-Year BS/MS Program)*

**Course Requirements Fall 2012 / Spring 2013**

* **Required courses for a major in Physician Assistant** *(The Five-Year BS/MS Program).*

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|  | **CORE Requirements** | **Credits** |  |  | **Major Requirements** | **Credits** |  | **Major Requirements** | **Credits** |  |  | **Professional Phase** | **Credits** |
|  | CORE 090 | 1 |  |  | BIOL 210\* | 3 |  | CHEM 113\* | 3 |  |  | PA 451 | 3 |
|  | CORE 100 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 210L\* | 1 |  | CHEM 113L\* | 1 |  |  | PA 454 | 5 |
|  | CORE 110 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 113\* | 3 |  | CHEM 114\* | 3 |  |  | PA 473 | 4 |
|  | CORE 115 or 116 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 113L\* | 1 |  | CHEM 114L\* | 1 |  |  | PA 474 | 5 |
|  | CORE 131 or 133 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 221\* | 3 |  | CHEM 241\* | 3 |  |  | PA 475 | 2 |
|  | CORE 140 or 141 – 146 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 221L\* | 1 |  | CHEM 241L\* | 1 |  |  | PA 500 | 4 |
|  | CORE 1501 – 158 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 222\* | 3 |  | NEUR 211\* | 3 |  |  | PA 510 | 2 |
|  | CORE 161 – 164 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 222L\* | 1 |  | NEUR 342\* | 3 |  |  | PA 511 | 6 |
|  | CORE 171 – 179 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 213\* | 3 |  | MATH 1262\* | 3 |  |  | PA 515 | 6 |
|  | CORE 1801 – 188 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 213L\* | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 520 | 6 |
|  | CORE 1901 – 198 | 3 |  |  | BIOL XXX\* | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 525 | 6 |
|  | CORE 250 – 259 | 3 |  |  | BIOL XXXL\* | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 530 | 6 |
|  | CORE 260 – 269 | 3 |  |  | BIOL XXX\* | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 535 | 6 |
|  | CORE 280 | 3 |  |  | BIOL XXXL\* | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 540 | 6 |
|  | CORE 281 – 289 | 3 |  |  | BIOL 341\* | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 547 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  | BIOL 314\* | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 549 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  | BIOL 314L\* | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | PA 554 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | PA 564 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | PA 581 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | PA 582 | 3 |
|  | Total Credits for CORE | 43 |  |  | Total Credits for Major | | | | 56 |  | Total Credits for the Professional Phase | | 100 |

**Total Credits Required for Five-Year BS/MS Program = 199**

**\*Courses noted with an asterisk comprise the “Prerequisite Science GPA”. Courses noted as Bio XXX are advanced biology courses with labs which do not yet have an actual course number assigned.**

**NOTE:** All core requirements must be completed by the end of the Spring Semester of Year 3.

**Clinical Experience Hours:** In addition to the formal academic requirements, students must complete a minimum of 500 “Clinical Experience Hours” before the end of the spring semester of their junior year (year 3). Seventy-five percent (375) of these hours must be completed by the end or the fall semester of their junior year (year 3). Of these 500 hours, a minimum of 300 must be direct patient care while the remainder can be indirect. In addition, 20 hours must be spent shadowing a physician assistant (See Clinical Experience Hours document). Students will be given specific information on how to log their Clinical Experience Hours early in the fall semester. Hours are reviewed and verified on a regular basis.

**Professional (Didactic) Phase Year 1** (2 semesters and 6 weeks of summer session course work)

Upon successful completion of the first 3 years and the first 2 semesters of the professional phase of the PA program, the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Studies is awarded. Students are now considered graduate level students.

**Professional (Clinical) Phase Year 2** (13.5 months)

Upon completion of all required clerkships, family practice preceptorship and acceptable completion of the capstone course, students are awarded a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

**Students enrolled in the 5 year BS/MS Physician Assistant Major will be advised of and provided with a copy of the “Progression Criteria.” This “Progression Criteria” along with this document shall serve as guidelines for successful completion of this major.**

1Students are required to take CORE 150, CORE 180 **OR** CORE 190 to fulfill the Interdisciplinary CORE requirement.

* If a student takes CORE 150, then he/she should choose from 181 – 188 to fulfill the 18x requirement AND from 191 – 198 to fulfill the 19x requirement.
* If a student takes CORE 180, then he/she should choose from 151 – 158 to fulfill the 15x requirement AND from 191 – 198 to fulfill the 19x requirement.
* If a student takes CORE 190, then he/she should choose from 151 – 158 to fulfill the 15x requirement AND from 181 – 188 to fulfill the 18x requirement.

2Students majoring in the Physician Assistant Program are required to take MATH 126. This course satisfies both major and CORE requirements.

**General Information:**

A student must earn a minimum of 120 credit hours to be awarded the baccalaureate degree. The number of credit hours required for graduation may be higher in certain major programs **or** if the student elects to pursue a second major. Beyond the requirements of the Core Curriculum and of a student’s chosen major program, the balances of the credit hours required for graduation are “free electives.” Because of the CORE, Major, and Professional Phase requirements, there are no “Free Electives” for students majoring in the Physician Assistant program.

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**Suggested Sequence**

* Use the information below as a guide when selecting courses.
* Refer to the reverse side when selecting major courses, major electives, core courses, and free electives when applicable.
* Consult your Academic Advisor prior to course registration.
* Refer to the King’s College Catalog and/or website for course titles and descriptions.
* Choose one course from each CORE category as listed on the reverse side.
  + CORE courses may be taken in any order approved by the academic advisor with the following conditions:
    - CORE 100 and CORE 110 should be taken in the first year.
    - CORE 115 (or 116) should be taken within the first two years.
    - CORE 098, CORE 099, and/or CORE 110L, if required, will fulfill elective credits.
    - For students selecting a Foreign Language (CORE 14x), every effort should be made to register for that language in the first semester at King’s.

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| **Pre-Professional Phase (Years 1 – 3)** | | | | | | |
|  | **1st Year - Fall** | cr. |  |  | **1st Year - Spring** | cr. |
|  | BIOL 210\* | 3 |  |  | BIOL 113\* | 3 |
|  | BIOL 210L\* | 1 |  |  | BIOL 113L\* | 1 |
|  | CHEM 113\* | 3 |  |  | CHEM 114\* | 3 |
|  | CHEM 113L\* | 1 |  |  | CHEM 114L\* | 1 |
|  | CORE | 3 |  |  | MATH 1262\* | 3 |
|  | CORE | 3 |  |  | CORE | 3 |
|  | CORE 090 | 1 |  |  | CORE | 3 |
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|  | **2nd Year - Fall** |  |  |  | **2nd Year – Spring** |  |
|  | BIOL 213\* | 3 |  |  | BIOL XXX\* | 3 |
|  | BIOL 213L\* | 1 |  |  | BIOL XXXL\* | 1 |
|  | CHEM 241\* | 3 |  |  | BIOL 314\* | 3 |
|  | CHEM 241L\* | 1 |  |  | BIOL 314L\* | 1 |
|  | CORE | 3 |  |  | CORE | 3 |
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| **It is the student’s responsibility to submit the “Request for progression to the Professional Phase” form on or before the last day of classes (not final examinations) of the Spring semester of your second (sophomore) year. The forms should be delivered to PA program secretary.** | | | | | | |
|  | **3rd Year – Fall** |  |  |  | **3rd Year – Spring** |  |
|  | BIOL 221\* | 3 |  |  | BIOL 222\* | 3 |
|  | BIOL 221L\* | 1 |  |  | BIOL 222L\* | 1 |
|  | BIOL XXX\* | 3 |  |  | BIOL 341\* | 3 |
|  | BIOL XXXL\* | 1 |  |  | NEUR 342\* | 3 |
|  | NEUR 211\* | 3 |  |  | CORE | 3 |
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| **Professional (Didactic) Phase (Year 4)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Fall Semester** | cr. |  |  | **Spring Semester** | cr. |  |  | **Intersession Semester** | cr. |
|  | PA 451 | 3 |  |  | PA 454 | 5 |  |  | PA 500 | 4 |
|  | PA 553 | 4 |  |  | PA 564 | 5 |  |  | PA 510 | 2 |
|  | PA 473 | 4 |  |  | PA 474 | 5 |  |  |  |  |
|  | PA 475 | 2 |  |  | PA 582 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
|  | PA 581 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Professional (Clinical) Phase (Year 5)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Summer Semester** |  |  |  | **Fall Semester** |  |  |  | **Spring Semester** |  |  |  | **Spring/Summer Semester** |  |
|  | PA 511 | 6 |  |  | PA 520 | 6 |  |  | PA 530 | 6 |  |  | PA 540 | 6 |
|  | PA 515 | 6 |  |  | PA 525 | 6 |  |  | PA 535 | 6 |  |  | PA 547 | 6 |
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