HENRY E. RIGGS SCHOOL OF APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES

Postbaccalaureate Pre-PA Certificate

PPA

The PPA program is designed specifically for those looking to enhance their academic credentials to gain a competitive edge for admission into Physician Assistant programs. Students also have the opportunity to complete a master’s degree during the glide year when applying to PA programs.

About the Program

The PPA program is highly customizable to meet the needs of each student. KGI’s curriculum consists of graduate-level courses within the applied life sciences, which includes courses in science and business. There are additional upper-level undergraduate courses offered over the summer that are often required or highly recommended by many PA programs. Options include: human anatomy with lab, human physiology with lab, microbiology with lab, and biochemistry. Students are able to take the coursework they need along with the clinical and volunteer hours necessary to become competitive for admission to PA programs.
Co-curricular Learning Experiences

The following is a list of some of the activities and opportunities available to PPA students:

- Field trips to local and regional PA programs
- Meet with professionals from various medical specialties
- Simulated individual interviews, group interviews, and multi-mini interviews (MMI)
- Guest speakers from various PA programs
- GRE prep course (additional fee required)
- Networking opportunities with KGI alumni
- Research opportunities
- Clinical and shadowing opportunities
- Various community service and student club activities

Clinical Experience

2000
PA programs require a wide range of clinical hours, ranging from 0-2,000

560
Students in KGI’s PPA program can earn up to 560 clinical hours over the fall and spring terms

1000
Students in need of additional clinical hours can accumulate up to 1,000 hours by continuing the program through the summer

How to Apply

Dates and Deadlines
Start Term: Fall
Application Deadline: December 15 (priority), rolling admissions thereafter

Application Requirements
An online application form is required that contains questions about your personal and educational background. Additional requirements can be submitted along with your online application or separately:

- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Standardized Test Scores (GRE or MCAT)
- $75 non-refundable application fee

Admission Interviews: A phone, Skype, or on-campus interview is a requirement for admission. The Office of Admissions schedules individual interviews after an application is complete.

Application Review: The Admissions Committee is made up of faculty and senior administrators who will thoroughly and conscientiously review each application.

Admitted Students: Admitted students are required to submit a $400 non-refundable enrollment fee to hold their spot in the program.

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