Program Curriculum

The Kean University Physician Assistant Studies Program is a 29-month, 105 credit hour course of study leading to a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.). This is a full-time, cohort-based program where students take courses in a lock-step manner. There is no part-time option.

The curriculum is designed to be completed in sequence with correspondingly greater levels of course level outcomes. Students must successfully complete and pass all courses in a given semester before progressing to the following semester. The program consists of 7 consecutive semesters and is divided into the didactic year and clinical year as outlined below:

Semester	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
Fall Semester 1	PAS 5010	Human Physiology	3
	PAS 5030	Human Anatomy	5
	PAS 5100	PA Professional Practice One	1
	PAS 5200	Patient Evaluation and Diagnosis	2
	PAS 5400	Clinical Medicine One	1
		Total Semester Credits	12

Spring Semester 2	PAS 5020	Medical Science	3
	PAS 5110	PA Professional Practice Two	2
	PAS 5210	Principles of Patient Assessment and	3
		Education One	
	PAS 5230	Healthcare Technology and Clinical Skills	2
	PAS 5300	Psychosocial Medicine	2
	PAS 5410	Clinical Medicine Two	4
	PAS 5500	Pharmacology One	2
		Total Semester Credits	18
Summer Semester 3	PAS 5120	PA Professional Practice Three	1
	PAS 5220	Principles of Patient Assessment and	3
		Education Two	
	PAS 5420	Clinical Medicine Three	4
	PAS 5430	Clinical Medicine Across the Lifespan	3
	PAS 5440	Clinical Medicine Five	3
	PAS 5510	Pharmacology Two	2
	PAS 6000	Research One: Epidemiology and	2
		Evidence Based Medicine	
		Total Semester Credits	18

Fall Semester 4	PAS 6010	Research Two: Research Methods and	2
		Evidence Based Medicine	
	PAS 6110	Clinical Seminar One	3
	PAS 6300	SCPE: Internal Medicine	6

F	PAS 6320	SCPE: General Surgery	6
		Total Semester Credits	17

Spring Semester 5	PAS 6020	Research Seminar One	2
	PAS 6120	Clinical Seminar Two	3
	PAS 6310	SCPE: Family Medicine	3
	PAS 6330	SCPE: Pediatrics	3
	PAS 6340	SCPE: Women's Health	3
		Total Semester Credits	14

Summer Semester 6	PAS 6030	Research Seminar Two	2
	PAS 6130	Clinical Seminar Three	3
	PAS 6350	SCPE: Emergency Medicine	3
	PAS 6360	SCPE: Psychiatry/Behavioral Health	3
	PAS 6370	SCPE: Ambulatory Care	3
		Total Semester Credits	14
Fall Semester 7	PAS 6140	Clinical Seminar Four	3
	PAS 6380	SCPE: Geriatrics/LTC	3
	PAS 6400	SCPE: Elective One	3
	PAS 6500	SCPE: Elective Two	3
		Total Semester Credits	12
		TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS	105

*SCPE clinical courses are taken by students according to the availability of clinical sites; therefore, the order of SCPEs and total semester credits may vary by student.

Students must complete all PA Program courses and course requirements. **No advanced standing** is granted and no credit for past work or experiences is given (A3.18). No advanced placement or transfer credit may be applied toward fulfilling the PA Program curriculum regardless of previous foreign, domestic, graduate or undergraduate coursework. No courses in the PA Program curriculum will be waived.