

**Albany Medical College
Center for Physician Assistant Studies
Joint Program with
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**

Introduction

Albany Medical College, acting on behalf of its Center for Physician Assistant Studies (CPAS, or Center), will offer to highly qualified students of the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACHPS) the opportunity to apply to the Center concurrent with admission to ACPHS. If accepted, and subject to compliance with the requirements set forth herein, each such student will be assured of admission to the Center's program upon completion of the prerequisite courses, experience, and their undergraduate degree (with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.20). Accepted students will be able to focus on achieving a strong knowledge base in the sciences, completion of prerequisite courses, and obtaining the required health related experience.

To permit subsequent matriculation into the CPAS, the student must carry a full course load (as defined by the ACPHS), during the student's undergraduate program while maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.20 in each semester. All CPAS-required prerequisites and health-related experience must be completed prior to matriculation at AMC. The Graduate Record Examination is waived for students accepted through this joint program.

Students who wish to investigate this opportunity should express their interest to the Admission staff at ACPHS at the time application. An interview and complete application for each program will be required. Applicants must be confident of their interest in pursuing a career in medicine as a Physician Assistant and that admission to the Albany Medical College is the path they would choose toward that goal.

As part of the application process applicants must articulate in writing their personal goals to be achieved by participation in this program. In addition, they must outline their plans for elective courses and extracurricular activities. Specifically, they must indicate how the proposed activities might enhance their capabilities as a future physician assistant. Each accepted student is committed to continuing vigorous intellectual activity as demonstrated by breadth of education as well as depth in their field of concentrated study.

Admission, Acceptance and Processing

Applicants will be initially screened for admission to any of the Bachelor of Science degree programs at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Qualified applications will be forwarded to the AMC Center for Physician Assistant Studies for review. Applicants who meet requirements will be invited for an interview with a team from both ACPHS and AMC. Applicants must be accepted by each institution according to their respective procedures, standards and judgment. Due to competitive admissions and limited class size, all qualified applicants may not be accepted.

Continuation in the Program

Upon completion of the third year at ACPHS and appropriate progress towards graduation from ACPHS, a CASPA (Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistant Programs) application must be submitted by the accepted student. It is understood that the student will not apply to other physician assistant programs and that the student's failure to comply with this requirement may result in revocation of his or her acceptance and admission into CPAS. It is also understood that the student will be required to grant CPAS and Albany Medical College full access to the student's complete undergraduate record at ACPHS and to execute all appropriate FERPA consents, as a condition to continuation in the program. In return, the CPAS will reserve a place in the class to be admitted in January following completion of the student's undergraduate degree.

Upon notification of receipt of the CASPA profile a tuition deposit of \$500 will be required. This deposit will be returned to the student if continuation in the joint program is denied by CPAS. The deposit will be forfeited if the student subsequently declines to enroll.

Continuation in the joint program will require evidence of general academic progress consistent with past performance and of significant progress toward achievement of individually specified goals. Students are expected to maintain a minimum grade point average each term of 3.20 both in overall course work and in the sciences. Grades in prerequisite courses must be a "C" or better. Failure to meet academic standards will constitute grounds for dismissal from the joint program. (Dismissed students would not, solely by reason of such dismissal, be prohibited from pursuing a future application to the Center through conventional pathways.)

Center faculty will assist in coordinating clinical experiences designed to allow students to obtain the health care-related hours required for admissions. Activities and assessment procedures for each type of health care-related experience will be reviewed annually by Center and ACPHS faculty representatives.

A Center advisor and ACPHS advisor will meet with the students at least once each semester to discuss their progress and any problems that may develop. On-going communication between ACPHS and Center representatives will ensure that both schools' requirements and individual student objectives are being met.

While at ACPHS and prior to the award to the Student of a B.S. degree, students are also subject to ACPHS academic regulations and other policies and codes as described in the ACPHS College Catalog. Decisions about probationary status and dismissal from ACPHS will be made by ACPHS in accordance with the provisions of the ACPHS Catalog.

Admission to the Center can be denied or revoked by Albany Medical College at any time should events occur that would cause Albany Medical College to question a student's suitability to pursue a career in medicine. Such events may include but are not limited to the student's engagement in criminal activity, academic dishonesty or unprofessional conduct. Provided an appropriate FERPA consent has been executed by the Student and not

withdrawn, ACPHS shall notify the Center immediately upon learning or suspecting the occurrence of any events, and shall cooperate fully with the Albany Medical College in efforts by the Center and the Albany Medical College to determine any appropriate course of action to be taken with respect to any such student, whether or not such events or efforts shall have occurred prior to, during or subsequent to such student's undergraduate education.

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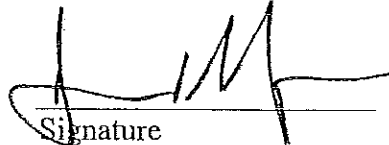
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