Western Michigan University’s Physician Assistant (PA) program offers an entry-level, full-time, 24-month, 95 credit professional education curriculum that leads to the Master of Science in Medicine.

The program is the first PA program to be established with legislative approval and funding appropriation in Michigan.

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, allowing graduates to sit for the examination offered by the National Commission on Certification for PAs (PANCE).

As strong evidence of educational excellence, graduates consistently have pass rates and scores well above the national average on the PANCE.

Faculty’s extensive knowledge base translates to significant benefits for students and remarkable learning experiences.

Students learn in both classroom and clinical settings, and benefit from varied, experiential education.
Physician Assistant (M.S.M.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
Faculty are highly educated and actively involved in grant funded studies, authoring chapters of textbooks and developing the PA curriculum. Key areas of expertise include: reducing health care disparities, training for adults with low basic literacy in order to make informed child health decisions, Team Based Learning (TBL), diabetes, obesity, developing and evaluating community participatory public health initiatives, pathogenesis of diarrheal infections, and nanoparticle-bioengineered antibacterial agents.

The WMU PA program is dedicated to educating competent, caring physician assistants to practice primary care medicine with the supervision of a physician, and to providing physician assistants to serve in all areas of society.

Admissions
Individuals interested in admission to the WMU PA program must submit an application to the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants in addition to the Western Michigan University Physician Assistant supplemental application (Deadline: postmarked by Dec. 1). A $50 supplemental application fee must be paid before the application will be reviewed. After a review of applications, selected candidates are invited to participate in an interview session. Candidates for admission are selected from among those interviewed. Please visit www.wmich.edu/pa for details.

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
Graduate assistantship/associateship positions—and scholarships and financial aid—may be available.

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Western Michigan University
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Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.