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

**Points of Pride**
- Founded in 1972 and is one of the first P.A. programs in the nation and the second in Michigan.
- 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).
- 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.
- A modular, organ system based curriculum allows for the integration of the core medical sciences and clinical medicine courses simultaneously.
- Program boasts a state of the art cadaver anatomy lab with high-tech simulation capabilities.

**Admission Criteria**
- An undergraduate degree
- A minimum of 1,000 hours of healthcare experience, which must include direct patient contact
- A minimum 3.0 GPA in the most recent 60-credit hours
- Six required prerequisite courses

Applicants must complete the application through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants at caspa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login.

Applicants are admitted for the fall semester only. Fall 2018: Dec. 1, 2017

**Industry Highlights**
The profession is expected to grow 30% by 2024, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The 2016 AAPA Salary Survey report reflects the median salary for a P.A. in 2015 was $97,000. Top specialties include primary care, surgical subspecialties, emergency medicine, and internal medicine subspecialties.

**Funding**
Competitive scholarships and financial aid are available. Inquire within the department for details.