

## Physician Assistant Studies (MMSc)

The educational requirements to obtain professional licensure as a Physician Assistant (PA) are met when a student earns a degree from an accredited PA program. The [Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant \(ARC-PA\)](#) has granted Accreditation – Continued status to the Physician Assistant program sponsored by Mercer University. Accreditation – Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards. Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be September 2027. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy

All states and territories have additional licensure requirements. All applicants must successfully pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE), and other licensure requirements may apply, including specific clinical practice experience, applications, fees, background checks, etc. Each state board, agency, or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued.

Below is a table that display states where the PA program meets, does not meet, or Mercer is unable to determine if it meets requirements. Please review the table closely to determine if the PA program meets the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure.

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U.S. State or Territory	Regulatory Body	Contact	Website URL	Meets educational requirements
Alabama	Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Medical Licensure Commission	1-800-227-2606	<a href="https://www.albme.gov/">https://www.albme.gov/</a>	Yes
Alaska	Alaska State Medical Board	(907) 465-2550	<a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard.aspx</a>	Yes
Arizona	Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants	(480) 551-2700	<a href="https://www.azpa.gov/Licensure/Licensure">https://www.azpa.gov/Licensure/Licensure</a>	Yes

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Arkansas	Arkansas State Medical Board	(501) 296-1802	<a href="https://www.armedicalboard.org/Professionals/PhysicianAssistant.aspx">https://www.armedicalboard.org/Professionals/PhysicianAssistant.aspx</a>	Yes
California	California Physician Assistant Board	(916) 561-8780	<a href="https://www.pab.ca.gov/">https://www.pab.ca.gov/</a>	Yes
Colorado	Colorado Medical Board	(303) 894-7800	<a href="https://dpo.colorado.gov/Medical">https://dpo.colorado.gov/Medical</a>	Yes
Connecticut	Connecticut Department of Public Health - Physician Assistant Licensure	(860) 509-7603	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/physician-assistant/physician-assistant-license-requirements">https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/physician-assistant/physician-assistant-license-requirements</a>	Yes
Delaware	Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline	(302) 744-4500	<a href="https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/medicalpractice/physasstlicense/">https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/medicalpractice/physasstlicense/</a>	Yes
District of Columbia (DC)	District of Columbia Board of Medicine	dcbomed@dc.gov	<a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/bomed">https://dchealth.dc.gov/bomed</a>	Yes
Florida	Florida Board of Medicine	(850) 245-4131	<a href="https://flboardofmedicine.gov/">https://flboardofmedicine.gov/</a>	Yes
Georgia	Georgia Composite Medical Board	(404) 656-3913	<a href="https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/">https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/</a>	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Medical Board	(808) 586-2699	<a href="https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/medical/">https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/medical/</a>	Yes
Idaho	Idaho Board of Medicine - Physician Assistant Advisory Committee	(208) 334-3233	<a href="https://dopl.idaho.gov/paac/">https://dopl.idaho.gov/paac/</a>	Yes
Illinois	Illinois State Medical Licensing Board	1-888-473-4858	<a href="https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/physicians.html">https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/physicians.html</a>	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency - Physician Assistant Committee	(317) 232-2960	<a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/physician-assistant-home/">https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/physician-assistant-home/</a>	Yes
Iowa	Iowa Board of Physician Assistants	(515) 281-0254	<a href="https://dial.iowa.gov/about/boards/physician-assistants">https://dial.iowa.gov/about/boards/physician-assistants</a>	Yes
Kansas	Kansas Board of Healing Arts	(785)296-7413	<a href="http://www.ksbha.org/professions/MD.shtml">http://www.ksbha.org/professions/MD.shtml</a>	Yes

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Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure	(502) 429-7150	<a href="https://kbml.ky.gov/physician/Pages/default.aspx">https://kbml.ky.gov/physician/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Yes
Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	(504) 568-6820	<a href="https://www.lsbme.la.gov/">https://www.lsbme.la.gov/</a>	Yes
Maine	Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine	(207) 287-3601	<a href="https://www.maine.gov/md/">https://www.maine.gov/md/</a>	Yes
Maryland	Maryland Board of Physicians	(410) 764-4777	<a href="https://www.mbp.state.md.us/">https://www.mbp.state.md.us/</a>	Yes
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants	(617) 973-0806	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/physician-assistant-licenses">https://www.mass.gov/physician-assistant-licenses</a>	Yes
Michigan	Michigan Task Force on Physician Assistants	(517) 335-0918	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/pa">https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/pa</a>	Yes
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Medical Practice	(612) 617-2130	<a href="https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/">https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/</a>	Yes
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure	(601) 987-3079	<a href="https://www.msbml.ms.gov/">https://www.msbml.ms.gov/</a>	Yes
Missouri	Missouri Advisory Commission for Physician Assistants	(573) 751-0098	<a href="https://pr.mo.gov/physicianassistants.asp">https://pr.mo.gov/physicianassistants.asp</a>	Yes
Montana	Montana Board of Medical Examiners	(406) 444-6880	<a href="https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/medical-examiners/license-information/physician-assistant">https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/medical-examiners/license-information/physician-assistant</a>	Yes
Nebraska	Nebraska Physician Assistant Committee	(402) 471-2118	<a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Physician-Assistant.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Physician-Assistant.aspx</a>	Yes
Nevada	Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners	(888) 890-8210	<a href="https://medboard.nv.gov/">https://medboard.nv.gov/</a>	Yes
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Board of Medicine	(603) 271-2152	<a href="https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-medicine">https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-medicine</a>	Yes
New Jersey	New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners - Physician Assistant Advisory Committee	(609) 826-7100	<a href="https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pa/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pa/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Yes

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New Mexico	New Mexico Medical Board	(505) 476-7220	<a href="https://www.nmmb.state.nm.us/">https://www.nmmb.state.nm.us/</a>	Yes
New York	New York Board of Medicine	(518) 474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 570	<a href="https://www.op.nysed.gov/physician-assistants">https://www.op.nysed.gov/physician-assistants</a>	Yes
North Carolina	North Carolina Medical Board	1-800-253.9653	<a href="https://www.ncmedboard.org/">https://www.ncmedboard.org/</a>	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Medicine	(701) 450-4060	<a href="https://www.ndbom.org/">https://www.ndbom.org/</a>	Yes
Ohio	State Medical Board of Ohio	(614) 466-3934	<a href="https://med.ohio.gov/">https://med.ohio.gov/</a>	Yes
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision - Physician Assistant Advisory Committee	(405) 962-1470	<a href="https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physician_assistants#about">https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physician_assistants#about</a>	Yes
Oregon	Oregon Medical Board	(971) 673-2700	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Yes
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine Licensure	(717) 783-1400	<a href="https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Medicine/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Medicine/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Yes
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Board of Physician Assistants	(401) 222-5960	<a href="https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=237#section1">https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=237#section1</a>	Yes
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners	(803) 896-4500	<a href="https://llr.sc.gov/med/">https://llr.sc.gov/med/</a>	Yes
South Dakota	South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners	(605) 367-7781	<a href="https://www.sdbmoe.gov/">https://www.sdbmoe.gov/</a>	Yes
Tennessee	Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners	(615) 532-4384	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/me-board.html">https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/me-board.html</a>	Yes
Texas	Texas Physician Assistant Board	(512) 305-7010	<a href="https://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/licensing-physician-assistants">https://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/licensing-physician-assistants</a>	Yes
Utah	Utah Physician Assistant Board	(801) 530-6628	<a href="https://dopl.utah.gov/physician-assistant/">https://dopl.utah.gov/physician-assistant/</a>	Yes

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Vermont	Vermont Board of Medical Practice	(802) 657-4220	<a href="https://www.healthvermont.gov/systems/board-medical-practice">https://www.healthvermont.gov/systems/board-medical-practice</a>	Yes
Virginia	Virginia Board of Medicine	(804) 367-4400	<a href="https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Medicine/">https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Medicine/</a>	Yes
Washington	Washington Medical Commission	(360) 236-2750	<a href="https://wmc.wa.gov/licensing">https://wmc.wa.gov/licensing</a>	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Medicine	(304) 558-2921	<a href="https://wvbom.wv.gov/">https://wvbom.wv.gov/</a>	Yes
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Medical Examining Board - Council on Physician Assistants	(608) 266-2112	<a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/PhysicianAssistant/Default.aspx">https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/PhysicianAssistant/Default.aspx</a>	Yes
Wyoming	Wyoming Board of Medicine - Physician Assistant Advisory Council	(307) 778-7053	<a href="https://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/">https://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/</a>	Yes
American Samoa	American Samoa Health Services Regulatory Board	(684) 633-1222		Yes
Federated States of Micronesia	Unknown			No
Guam	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	(671) 735-7409	<a href="https://guamhplo.org/gbahe">https://guamhplo.org/gbahe</a>	Yes
Marshall Islands	Republic of Marshall Islands Ministry of Health & Human Services	(692) 625-5660/5661	<a href="https://rmihealth.org/">https://rmihealth.org/</a>	Yes
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI Healthcare Professions Licensing Board	(670) 664-4808/4809	<a href="https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/">https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/</a>	Yes
Palau	Unknown			No
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline	(787) 765-2929	<a href="https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/120">https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/120</a>	Yes

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US Virgin Islands	US Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners	St. Croix: (340) 718-1311 St. Thomas: (340) 774-9000 St. John: (340) 776-6400	<a href="https://www.vimedicalboard.org/">https://www.vimedicalboard.org/</a>	Yes

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