

**Albany Medical College
Center for Physician Assistant Studies (CPAS)
Early Assurance Program (EAP) With
SUNY College at Oneonta**

Introduction

The Albany Medical College Center for Physician Assistant Studies will offer highly qualified students of the College at Oneonta the opportunity to apply to the Center upon completing the first semester of their junior year. If accepted, they are assured of admission to the program upon completion of the prerequisite courses, experience, and their undergraduate degree (with a minimum grade point average [GPA] of 3.20). Early Assurance admission will allow accepted students to focus on achieving a strong knowledge base in the sciences, completion of prerequisite courses, and obtaining the required health-related experience.

To be eligible to apply for acceptance into this program, a student must have achieved a GPA of 3.20 or above and have completed two semesters each of general biology and general chemistry, as well as Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, and one semester of organic chemistry. Accepted students must carry a full course load (as defined by the College at Oneonta) during their remaining semesters and fulfill all other prerequisite courses. The Graduate Record Examination is waived for students accepted through the Early Assurance Program.

Students who wish to investigate this opportunity should express their interest to the College at Oneonta PA Program advisor. This advisor will discuss with the student the expectations of the EAP and the process for application. Applicants should 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.

Each January, the College at Oneonta advisor will forward the names and addresses of applicants to the Center for Physician Assistant Studies. A letter of instruction and application materials will be sent directly to the applicants by the Center. Completed applications (including the centralized application service profile) are due to the Center for Physician Assistant Studies by June 15th of each year and the selection and commitment process will be completed by September 1st.

As part of the application process applicants must articulate in writing the personal advantage they see to their participation in this program. In addition, they must outline their goals and objectives for the remaining undergraduate year. A plan for meeting these goals through specific academic and extracurricular activities must be included. Specifically, they must indicate how the proposed activities for the senior year 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 some field of concentrated study.

Admission Processing

The following schedule will apply:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Supplemental Application and Interview	May 1
CASPA application, credentials, and supporting documents to be received by Center	July 15
Notification to applicant of Admissions Committee decision	August 15
Commitment from accepted applicant	September 1

Acceptance and Continuation in the Program

An offer of admission by the Center for Physician Assistant Studies requires a reciprocal commitment by the student that is binding unless there is a compelling reason to withdraw from the EAP. It is understood that the student will not apply to other physician assistant programs. 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 acceptance a tuition deposit of \$500 will be required. This deposit will be returned to the student if continuation in the EAP is denied by the CPAS. It will be forfeited if the student subsequently declines to enroll.

Continuation in the EAP 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 "C" or better. Failure to meet academic standards will constitute grounds for dismissal from the EAP.

A Center 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 College at Oneonta and Center representatives will ensure that both schools' requirements and individual student objectives are being met.

Admission to the Center can be denied should events occur that would cause the Admissions Committee to question a student's suitability to pursue a career in medicine. These include, but are not limited to, felony conviction, academic dishonesty, or unprofessional conduct in a health care setting.

Effective Date and Agreement Review

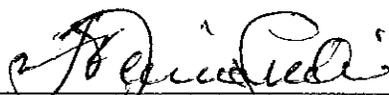
This agreement is effective September 1, 2009 with the first applicants under the program to be submitted to the Center for Physician Assistant Studies in January 2010. The agreement will be reviewed in 2014.

SIGNATURES

Approved for:

SUNY College at Oneonta

Albany Medical College
Center for Physician Assistant Studies


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