

Accreditation Update

Pending submission and approval by the ARC-PA, the PA program is actively developing the following changes and are disclosing below for fair practice to current and prospective students. Please watch our website for updates throughout the application cycle.

New Campus

As you may know, DMU is now building [the medical and health sciences university of the future](#), which opens in the summer of 2023. Located on 88 acres in West Des Moines, the new campus will advance the educational transformation the University envisions to provide you, our students, with the finest education and training possible. Students will benefit from flexible environments that support a mix of didactic, active-learning and small group work. And advanced simulated health care environments replicate those of modern care facilities, providing learners with a safe environment in which to practice patient care.

New Proposed Curriculum

The program has recently developed a revised curriculum focused on faculty, staff, and student wellbeing, and which is well-aligned with professional standards and the program’s mission, vision, and goals. The revised curriculum spans 26 months including 14 months of didactic study, followed by 12 months of clinical coursework and final assessments. If approved, the new curriculum is slated for implementation in the 2023-2024 academic year. Below is an overview of the coursework for the revised curriculum.

PA25	SUMMER			FALL					SPRING				
	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Year 1 (2023-2024)	Clinically-Oriented Anatomy		Evidence-Based Practice					Clinical Medicine II					
	Physiology/Pathophysiology		Clinical Medicine I					Clinical Skills C					
	Clinical Skills A		Wellness					Pharmacology/Therapeutics II					
	Foundations of Medical Science		Physical Diagnosis					Clinical Applications II					
			Clinical Skills B					PA Professional Practice B					
			Pharmacology/Therapeutics I										
			Clinical Applications I										
Year 2 (2024-2025)			PA Professional Practice A										
	Clinical Medicine III		Clinical Curriculum*: Family Medicine (8 weeks), Internal Medicine (8 weeks), Primary Care (4 weeks), Surgery (4 weeks), Emergency Medicine (4 weeks), Pediatrics (2 weeks), Behavioral and Mental Health (4 weeks), and Women's Health (2 weeks). Selectives (8 weeks)										
	Health System & Policy												
	Clinical Skills D												
Clinical Applications III		Foundations of Clinical Practice											
Year 3 (2025-2026)	Clinical Curriculum** (see YR 2)												
	Foundations of Clinical Practice												

Notes
 *Clinical Rotations begin 3 weeks into Fall term
 **Clinical Rotations end 1 week prior to Summer term end

Class Size

The new campus provides the program the opportunity to grow. If approved, the program’s class size will increase to 65 students, allowing us to make an even bigger impact on the future of healthcare.