

**The City College of New York/ The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education
Physician Assistant Program at Harlem Hospital Center**

From START to FINISH

The CCNY/SDBE PA Program at HHC is an Undergraduate Bachelor's Degree program. It is a 28.5 months full time program. This is a transfer program. We do not accept recent high school graduates. You must have completed the minimum college/undergraduate requirements before applying. The program does not evaluate graduate level coursework to determine academic eligibility. Applicants who have already received a bachelor's degree may also apply to the program. This is a cohort program. Please be aware that receiving a 4.0 grade point average does not constitute direct admission into the program.

Applying

There are two (2) applications that must be completed by their deadlines. They are:

- University Application Processing Center (UAPC)
This application is done online only. It is the TRANSFER application to City College. All applicants, including current City College students and college graduates, must complete this application. The UAPC deadline for fall admittance is **February 1**.

- Physician Assistant Program Application
This is a paper application that must be printed and delivered to the program office along with the supporting documents (references, personal statement, release forms, etc.).
Please mail it to:

CCNY/Physician Assistant Program
Admissions
160 Convent Avenue
Harris Hall-15
New York, NY 10031

All materials must be in by the **March 15** deadline.

Please note that applicants will not receive status updates beginning one week before the deadline, after the deadline has passed and while the consideration process is active. All applicants will receive a decision before June. It may take about two weeks to process the applications that have arrived close or on the deadline. The Admissions Committee will review COMPLETED and ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE applications. It is important to know that not all completed and academically eligible candidates will receive an interview. The competitiveness of the program grows every year.

Interviews

Interviews are conducted throughout April and May. Eligible applicants will receive a phone call by the program to schedule a date and time. Applicants will meet with members of the Admissions Committee on their scheduled interview date.

Accepted Applicants

Accepted applicants are required to attend a six (6) week orientation beginning in July. The exact starting date changes yearly. This orientation will guide you through the program before the fall semester begins.

The first year of PA school is the Didactic year. The second year is the clinical rotations. Schedule of classes/rotations will be chosen for the student by the program. While in the program it is recommended that the student does not work as this may hinder their ability to successfully complete the program.

Completion

Once a PA student has completed all of the requirements and has officially graduated from the college he/she will receive a certificate of completion from the program and a Bachelors of Science-Physician Assistant. The program will then notify the National Certification of Commission of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) to verify the student's completion of the program. This will allow the graduate to take the Physician Assistant National Certification Exam (PANCE).

Once the graduate has passed the board exam, he/she must apply for licensure in the specific state he/she intends to practice in.

Once the PA graduate has received their certification and license, they may go on to practice as PA-C in any hiring facility.