PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POSITIONS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physician assistants is projected to grow 38 percent from 2014 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations, creating more than 33,000 new jobs
- Recent reports by U.S. News and World Report, Money Magazine, Glassdoor, and Forbes all listed the PA profession in the top five most desirable professions in the U.S.
- Median annual salary for all PAs is $95,820

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Unique modular curriculum
  - Curricular design with proven record for success
  - USJ offers the only program of its kind in the region
  - Students study one course at a time, mastering the subject material
  - The knowledge and critical thinking skills developed during the didactic curriculum will prepare students to excel during the clinical phase
  - Cohort model fosters a student-centered, supportive environment
- A new 11,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility on our main campus in West Hartford, Conn.
- Faculty who are experts in their field

ACCREDITATION

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the University of Saint Joseph Physician Assistant Studies Program sponsored by the University of Saint Joseph. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program’s ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-university-of-st-joseph/.
LOCATION AND CAMPUS FEATURES

- **90-acre campus in West Hartford, CT**
  Located minutes from Blue Back Square – a vibrant shopping and dining district midway between Boston and New York City

- **The O’Connell Athletic Center**
  Houses a pool, indoor track, fitness center, and multiple dance and fitness studios

- **The Bruyette Atheneum**
  Home of the University’s art museum, which houses more than 2,000 works of art from around the world

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree (no preferred major)
- Documentation of a minimum of 250 hours in any combination of the following areas, within the last five years:
  - Volunteer work
  - Clinical research
  - Paid or volunteer patient care experience
  - Health care provider shadowing
- Cumulative overall AND prerequisite 3.0 GPA at the time of application
- Prerequisite courses must be completed within seven years of admission, with a “C” or better, at a regionally accredited institution. For more complete information about required courses, please visit our website
- On-campus interview (by invitation only) – Interview guaranteed for USJ alumni meeting posted requirements

TAKE THE NEXT STEPS

To get started

- Visit the program website at [www.usj.edu/pastudies](http://www.usj.edu/pastudies) for more detailed information, including curriculum, mission, and complete admission requirements
- Attend an Information Session (dates and times of upcoming events noted on our website)
- Beginning in late April, students may apply to the USJ Physician Assistant Studies Program via CASPA (Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants) at [https://caspa.liaisoncas.com](https://caspa.liaisoncas.com)

Questions?

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