



Physician Assistant Studies Bridge Program (MPAS)

The **Master in Physician Assistant Studies Bridge Program (MPAS)** curriculum is a web-based program that enables a practicing physician with a Bachelor's degree to obtain a Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies allowing the physician assistant to remain in their community while completing their course of study. The degree awarded at the completion of the Bridge Program will be a professional Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS).

While enrolled in the Bridge Program, each student will enroll in three clinical tracks (four weeks each) and the research experience course. The emphasis of the clinical tracks is to encourage life-long learning in the area of the professional competencies as agreed on by our professional organizations.

***This program is offered 100% ONLINE**

Admission Requirements

Apply to the UTRGV Graduate College:

Step #1: Submit a UTRGV Graduate Application at www.applytexas.org. The university application fee of \$50 (\$100 for International Applicants) can be paid online by credit card or electronic check (in the online application). All application fees are nonrefundable.

Step #2: Register on the UTRGV Recommenders and Document Upload Webpage (www.utrgv.edu/gradupload). This is where you will request recommenders and upload program requirement documents, and where the graduate office will upload your transcripts. If you do not complete this step, we will not be able to process your application.

Step #3: Request your transcripts and other supporting documentation to be mailed to:

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
The Graduate College
Marialice Shary Shivers Bldg. 1.158
1201 W. University Drive
Edinburg, TX 78539-2999

Review and submit all Program Requirements:

- Online application. The university application fee of \$50 (**\$100 for International Applicants**) can be paid online by credit card or electronic check (in the online application). All application fees are non-refundable.
- Bachelor's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or a recognized international equivalent.
- Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0.
- Official transcripts from each institution attended (must be submitted directly to UTRGV).
- Current license to practice as a PA.
- Current NCCPA certification.
- Be employed as a PA (for clinical hours participation).

- Must have medical malpractice insurance.
- Letter of reference from their supervising physician agreeing to precept the PA.

Additional requirements for domestic applicants who attended foreign universities:

- TOEFL or IELTS Language Proficiency Test with minimum scores: 550 on paper-based, 213 on computer based, or 79 on internet-based for the TOEFL; 6.5 for the IELTS. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years. For additional information, [click here](#).
- English translation of educational records.
- Transcript Evaluation by the Foreign Credentials Service of America (FCSA). For additional information, [click here](#).

Additional requirements for international applicants:

- TOEFL or IELTS Language Proficiency Test with minimum scores: 550 on paper-based, 213 on computer based, or 79 on internet-based for the TOEFL; 6.5 for the IELTS. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years. For additional information, [click here](#).
- English translation of educational records.
- Transcript Evaluation by the Foreign Credentials Service of America (FCSA). For additional information, [click here](#).
- Financial Documentation showing sufficient funds (minimum of \$25,000) to cover all expenses (living and academic) for the first year of study. For additional information, [click here](#).
- Immigration documents, including a current copy of your valid passport. For additional information, [click here](#).

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Deadlines

	Fall	Spring	Summer I
Domestic	July 1 st	November 15 th	May 1 st
International	June 1 st	November 1 st	March 1 st

Recommenders and Document Upload Page

[Click here](#) to request recommendations and upload documents that are required.