

PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANTS ARE SKILLED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

who work closely with pathologists and surgeons. They dissect and examine organs and tissues for disease in order for the pathologist to make a diagnosis. They perform autopsies, prepare tissue for intraoperative diagnosis and teach pathology residents in academic settings.

Pathologists' assistants are intensively trained and in high demand. They can work in university hospitals, community hospitals, reference laboratories and private practices. Some are hired as faculty members of academic institutions.



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WVU PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM



The program has a

100%
JOB PLACEMENT RATE.

Graduates are employed in many different types of settings including academic hospitals, private practices, morgues and research and tissue banking facilities.

The program has a

100%
PASS RATE

on the national certification exam through the American Society for Clinical Pathology.



The program offers

**DIVERSE
CLINICAL
ROTATIONS**

in private, community and academic settings to prepare students for their career.

Our program accepts a limited number of students, which encourages a

**STUDENT-
FOCUSED
ENVIRONMENT**

with individualized instruction by program-trained and ASCP certified pathologists' assistant faculty.

OUR PROGRAM

The Pathologists' Assistant program is a two-year master's program that begins with a year of didactic studies combined with practical hands-on introductory training in the gross room. The second year consists of multiple clinical rotations in various assigned hospital settings.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and have completed the prerequisite courses listed below. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is preferred.

8 hours of Biology with lab

8 hours of college Chemistry with lab

3-4 hours of Organic Chemistry (CHEM 231 at WVU) or 3-4 hours of Biochemistry

3-4 hours of Microbiology, Immunology, Parasitology, or equivalent

3 hours of college Algebra or higher

3 hours of English Composition or higher

The application period is January 1-May 31, with each new class beginning the following January.

LEARN MORE

Browse our website at medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/pa.