Cooperative Graduate Programs

Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Creighton University/UAA Occupational Therapy Program

The Creighton University-UAA occupational therapy program is a hybrid format professional program that leads to the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD). Students take classes in both traditional and distance formats with labs and supplemental learning opportunities held on the UAA campus.

Up to 14 students per year are accepted to this three-and-a-half year, full-time program. To be eligible for the program, applicants must have a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework and meet the required prerequisites (https://spahp.creighton.edu/future-students/doctor-occupational-therapy/prerequisites). After successful completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy examination and to apply for licensure.

Creighton University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The program in occupational therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

For information on prerequisites, curriculum and application procedures, please visit the program website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/occupational-therapy) or the Creighton University OTD Program (https://spahp.creighton.edu/future-students/doctor-occupational-therapy) website.

UAA/ISU Doctor of Pharmacy Program (PharmD)

Professional Studies Building (PSB), Suite 113 (907) 786-6553

Each year, 15 students begin their Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) studies in Anchorage, Alaska through a partnership between University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and the Idaho State University (ISU) College of Pharmacy. During the first three years of the program, Alaska’s Doctor of Pharmacy students follow the traditional model of scheduled classes on UAA campus, with state-of-the-art audiovisual technology used to deliver live instruction across three delivery sites: Pocatello and Meridian, Idaho, and Anchorage, Alaska. The fourth year of the program consists of seven six-week blocks of clinical clerkship experiences called Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE). The entire four-year program, including clerkships, is completed in Alaska.

For additional program details, contact the UAA campus program office at (907) 786-6553.

Eligibility

Alaska residents are given preference in applying for admission to the Anchorage site. Applicants must meet common requirements established by the ISU College of Pharmacy, including prerequisites in biology, chemistry, physics and social sciences. Detailed eligibility information is available on the ISU College of Pharmacy website (https://www.isu.edu/pharmacy).

Admissions

Applications are submitted through PharmCAS, a national Pharmacy College Application Service (http://www.pharmcas.org). All applications received by ISU from Alaskan residents will be considered for the UAA/ISU program in Anchorage, Alaska. Complete application information including details about the selection process can be found on the ISU website (https://www.isu.edu/pharmacy).

Accreditation

Idaho State University is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The pharmacy program, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP).

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University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

Students may use specific courses from other University of Alaska campuses to satisfy requirements of cooperative graduate programs offered by UAF. The cooperative program must include an approved UAF graduate studies plan (GSP). The student must complete a minimum of 12 semester resident credits at UAF.

The following guidelines are for collaborative PhD programs offered by UAF, where students are enrolled at other UA campuses. Some degree programs have different requirements which are included in specific program descriptions in the graduate degree program section of the UAF catalog. The guidelines described here apply only to programs that have not established different requirements.

1. At least four faculty members shall serve on the graduate advisory committee for each PhD student. At least two committee members shall be UAF faculty. When the student is enrolled at UAA, the committee shall be chaired or co-chaired by a UAA faculty member.
2. The graduate advisory committee and its chair and/or co-chairs must be approved by the UAF program director and the dean of the UAF Graduate School.

3. UAF rules and regulations on graduate studies shall apply to all UAF graduate students, including those concurrently enrolled at UAA.

4. The graduate advisory committee must meet at least once a year to update the GSP and to review the student’s progress toward the degree. The annual progress report must be signed by all committee members and submitted to the dean of the UAF Graduate School.

5. The student’s advisory committee will administer the PhD comprehensive exam for each student.

6. The PhD dissertation defense is conducted on the student’s home campus and can be done via distance technologies.

**WWAMI School of Medical Education** (http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/wwami)

**Health Sciences Building (HSB), Room 301, (907) 786-4789**

Each year, 20 certified Alaska residents begin their medical education in a collaborative medical school that operates among the campuses of five northwestern states -- Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) -- becoming part of a class of more than 200 students programwide. Alaska’s WWAMI medical students will take classes at UAA for the foundations phase, the equivalent of the first and second years of medical school. The six-week blocks of clinical experiences, called clerkships, that occupy the third and fourth years of medical school. The six-week blocks of clinical experiences, called clerkships, that occupy the third and fourth years of medical school.

**Eligibility**

Alaska residents are eligible to apply for admission. Detailed eligibility information (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/wwami/ak-wwami-eligibility.csh.html) is available on the WWAMI website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/wwami). Applicants must meet common requirements established by University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM). These requirements include prerequisites in biology, chemistry, physics and social sciences and submission of scores from the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Program details can be found on the UWMedicine website (http://www.uwmedicine.org) or by contacting the WWAMI office.

**Admissions**

Applications are accepted through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). WWAMI applications are submitted to the UWSOM. All applications received by UWSOM from Alaska residents will be considered for the WWAMI program in Alaska. Complete application information, including details about the selection procedure, can be found on the UWMedicine website (http://www.uwmedicine.org).

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Cooperative Graduate Programs

**Master of Clinical Health Services (MCHS)**

*University of Washington/UAA Physician Assistant Program* (http://depts.washington.edu/medex/pa-program)

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Physician assistants (PAs) are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and write prescriptions. PAs practice in primary care medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and in surgery and the surgical subspecialties. Within the physician-PA relationship, PAs collaborate in medical decision making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. PA practice may also include education, research and administrative services.

The University of Washington (UW) MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant program (UW MEDEX), established in 1969, is proud of its long-standing mission to train healthcare providers who will practice primary care in medically underserved and rural areas of the UW School of Medicine’s service region. The UW MEDEX program currently operates four classroom sites as a strategy to better serve potential students throughout the five-state northwest service region, and ultimately, to best serve the patients in these communities. The UW MEDEX program opened an Anchorage campus in 2009 and operates out of the state-of-the-art Health Sciences Building at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), alongside the WWAMI medical school program and the UAA School of Nursing. WWAMI is a reference to the geographic region of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho.

The two primary components of the UW MEDEX curriculum are the classroom (known as didactic) phase and the clinical phase. Each phase spans approximately one year, including an additional quarter of material preparing students for advanced clinical and leadership roles. The Anchorage campus primarily serves students from Alaska, who complete the didactic phase in Anchorage and the clinical phase at various training sites across the state and the greater WWAMI region.

Graduates of the program receive a Master of Clinical Health Services from the University of Washington.

Each year, up to 24 students complete their PA training at the UW MEDEX Anchorage campus. UW MEDEX offers a competency-based program that accepts applicants with previous healthcare experience, such as nurses (at any level), EMTs, Alaska community health aides, medical assistants, athletic trainers, former military corpsmen, etc. For additional program details, contact the Anchorage campus program office at (907) 786-5481 or visit the UW MEDEX program website. (http://depts.washington.edu/medex/pa-program)

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the program, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree and meet the required prerequisites set by the University of Washington. For additional information on the UW program prerequisites, visit the program’s prerequisites website. (http://depts.washington.edu/medex/applicants/program-prerequisites/)

**Admissions**

Application to the program requires a Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) as well as a UW MEDEX supplemental application to be submitted to the University of Washington. For additional information on gaining admission into the UW MEDEX Northwest PA program, visit the program’s admissions website. (https://depts.washington.edu/medex/applicants)

**Accreditation**

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted continued accreditation to the UW MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant program. After successful completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certification Exam and to apply for licensure. For additional information on the UW curriculum, visit the program’s curriculum website. (https://depts.washington.edu/medex/pa-program/curriculum)

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