As an undergraduate student in the dual-degree PA program, I’ve already had so many amazing experiences to prepare me for my future career in the medical field. One of my favorite classes is PA Seminar, a course taught in each spring semester of the undergraduate portion of the program. The course is taught by professional PAs, and we learn how to interact with patients and also about our role on the healthcare team. Another awesome part of the program is completing healthcare hours. Students independently seek where they will complete their hours and are able to experience different aspects of medicine. I worked at a hospital and chiropractor’s office, which were both amazing experiences and have furthered my passion for health care! I love being in the PA program at Hofstra, and I know that I will carry the friendships and connections that I make in this program with me for the rest of my life.

Julia Nager
Undergraduate Class of 2022
Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies
Class of 2023
Hometown: Freehold, NJ

“What puts Hofstra’s PA program above the rest is the supportive, positive environment that allows the opportunity for students to succeed while completing a vigorous professional phase curriculum. Faculty members are leaders within the PA profession and focus on mentoring students to become outstanding clinicians and future leaders. Hofstra offers diverse clinical clerkship experiences and has secured outstanding clinical affiliates that offer the hands-on experiences necessary to acquire the skills to work collaboratively to provide patient-centered care as well as an opportunity to network within the field.”

Carina Loscalzo, MS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Program Director, and Department Chair
Physician Assistant Studies

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First-Year Direct-Entry Students: Dual-Degree BS/MS Program

Admission Requirements
Applicants are expected to meet each of the following conditions:

- High school cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- SAT score of 1300 (on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing plus Math sections) or ACT composite score of 27
- Submission of the BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies Program Supplemental Application

Students who do not meet all conditions for the first-year direct-entry option may apply to the postbaccalaureate MS program via the CASPA process upon graduation.

Matriculation to the graduate phase of the PA program is predicated on a number of undergraduate factors. For these requirements and answers to other frequently asked questions, please visit hofstra.edu/directentrypa.

First-Year Student Application Process and Timeline
Prospective students submit the Hofstra application or Common Application during their senior year of high school, available at hofstra.edu/apply. Qualified applicants receive the BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies Program Supplemental Application following admission, which must be completed to be considered for the dual degree.

- **November 15**
  - We recommend that students apply Early Action to Hofstra University. Apply by November 15 for Early Action 1 or December 15 for Early Action 2.

- **December 15**
  - Students will receive their admission decision to Hofstra. Note that this admission decision will not include a BS/MS Physician Assistant Studies Program decision. Admission decisions to the program are mailed separately at a later date.

- **January 5**
  - Qualified applicants receive BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies Program Supplemental Application (via my.hofstra.edu).

- **February 15**
  - We recommend that students submit the completed BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies Program Supplemental Application by this date.

- **March 15**
  - Students receive direct-entry PA program admission decision via mail.

Physician Assistant Studies Program Highlights

- Hofstra’s Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) scores are consistently high. The five-year first-time PANCE test taker average pass rate for Hofstra’s program is 99%.

- Learning modalities include case-based learning, dissection in the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell structure lab, and a state-of-the-art simulation lab. All modalities encourage students to integrate basic science with the study and application of clinical medicine.

- Clinical affiliates throughout the Long Island and New York metropolitan areas represent a broad spectrum of facilities and potential employment settings. A list of clinical affiliates can be found at hofstra.edu/papaffiliates.

- Students conduct research at hospitals and community-based organizations across Long Island and New York City on pressing clinical and public health topics. Findings have been published and students have presented research at state and national conferences.

- The highly skilled and qualified faculty members are dedicated to and passionate about the PA profession and the program, and they are focused on student success.