As a student in the BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies program at Hofstra University, I have made connections and experienced unique opportunities. One of my favorite courses is the PA Seminar that direct-entry students take every spring semester. In this three-part course, students are taught by graduate faculty and learn how to interact with patients as they prepare for the graduate curriculum. Another important resource is the Physician Assistant Club. From organizing blood drives to arranging events where graduate students speak about their experience as PA undergraduate students, the club has been an integral part of my experience here at Hofstra. It is through courses and organizations like these that relationships with classmates and professors are strengthened. I know that the friendships and connections I have made at Hofstra will last beyond the 5 1/2 years of the program and are preparing me to be the best physician assistant possible.

Savannah Potter
Undergraduate
Class of 2019
Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies
Class of 2020
Hometown: Towaco, 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.”

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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.

Students must apply Early Action to Hofstra University by November 15 for Early Action 1 or December 15 for Early Action 2.

- **November 15**
- **December 15**

Qualified applicants receive direct-entry PA program supplemental application (via my.hofstra.edu)

- **Beginning January 5**

Students submit completed PA program supplemental application

- **February 15**

Students receive direct-entry PA program admission decision via mail

- **Beginning March 15**

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. The program and its faculty take great pride in academic excellence.