



**Congratulations!** We are pleased to offer you a position in the UT Health San Antonio, School of Health Profession's Physician Assistant Studies Class of **2021**. Our current start date for this class is set for **May 20, 2019**. Orientation week is planned for **May 13-17, 2019; attendance is MANDATORY**. Final orientation dates and a schedule will be sent at a later time.

This offer is contingent on several conditions to complete the matriculation process. Any failure to complete the following will result in revocation of the admission offer. To secure your place in this matriculating class, you **must**:

- 1) Complete and submit the "Statement of Intent" by the specified date on your acceptance notification email
- 2) Pay the required non-refundable tuition deposit fee by the specified date on your acceptance notification email
- 3) Successfully complete any outstanding courses for your bachelor's degree prior to matriculation.
- 4) Submit **official** transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to the UT Health San Antonio Registrar
- 5) Complete and pass a criminal background check
  - a) Any finding in the background deemed unsatisfactory may be a reason for revoking this offer. This decision can be made by the UT Health San Antonio Police Department, by The School of Health Professions' Dean/designee, or the Department faculty.
- 6) Complete and pass a urine drug screen
- 7) Complete immunizations by April of the matriculating year. **Proof of immunizations will be required at registration to start the program.**
  - a) Hepatitis B and Meningococcal Meningitis will be required
- 8) Required to carry current health insurance as a student at UT Health San Antonio. **Proof of health insurance will be required at registration to start the program.**
  - a) If you do not have a policy, you will be automatically enrolled to purchase a health insurance plan offered by the UT System.

**\*\*Please refer to the Matriculation Requirements Checklist linked on your acceptance notification email.**

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **Personal Computer**

The UT Health San Antonio, Physician Assistant Studies Program requires that each student purchase a laptop computer from the UT Health San Antonio Computer Store at matriculation. The cost will be sent to you prior to matriculation. **This purchase is not optional. Do not purchase a computer from any other source.** You will still be required to buy the laptop that we require. The cost of the computer is included in the information we send to our Financial Aid Office.

### **Text Books**

The UT Health San Antonio, Physician Assistant Program uses an online/digital publication resource, VitalSource (<https://www.vitalsource.com/>), for all textbook requirements. The required texts are preselected for each course by the faculty and instructors to fulfill the needs of each student during the entire course of instruction. There will be an **approximate** one-time cost of at least \$2,500.00. The exact amount will be provided to you prior to matriculation. **This purchase is not optional.** Do not purchase any of your textbooks from any other source. If you do so, you will still be required to purchase all textbooks through VitalSource. The cost of this textbook purchase is included in the information we send to our Financial Aid Office. **Any additional textbook purchase will be identified prior to the course if needed.**

### **Off-Campus Course Requirements**

Anatomy cadaver laboratory during the first summer semester of the didactic phase will be held in Spring Branch, Texas. This is approximately 30 miles from the UT Health San Antonio campus.

Additionally, our program is supported by clinical sites throughout Texas and you will be required to travel and/or live away from San Antonio during the clinical phase of the program at your own expense. Therefore, you should be aware that you may incur additional travel and living expenses during the completion of this program.

### **Scrubs**

Students are required to purchase and wear black (bottom & top) scrubs embroidered with the PA program logo during particular portions of the curriculum. Students will receive further information about the scrubs and proper logo during orientation.

A short white lab coat will be required for wear during the curriculum and will be provided by the program. No purchase is necessary.

## **Program Learning Resources**

This PA program utilizes educational activities and resources sponsored by the AAPA. Student membership is **mandatory**. The one-time student registration fee will be the sole responsibility of the student upon matriculation. Please refer to [www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org) for additional information on how to join and cost for membership.

Please be sure to complete and submit the *Statement of Intent* indicating whether you ***accept or decline*** this offer. We must receive this statement prior to **5:00 PM on the date indicated on your acceptance notification email** or this offer will be rescinded. It is your responsibility to ensure the form is in our office and that your Tuition Deposit fee is paid and arrives by this deadline.

Again, congratulations on your selection. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at any time. Also, please inform this office of any changes in your name, address, e-mail, or telephone number prior to matriculation. Good luck in your future studies, and welcome!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven A. Skaggs", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Enclosure: Statement of Intent