

## An In-Demand Career

The continued shortage of practicing pathologists and decline in pathology residency programs nationwide has provided a demand for properly trained Pathologists' Assistants. The job market outlook for Pathologists' Assistants has been very good in the past and is projected to stay very strong with continued demand for the foreseeable future. Pathologists' Assistants can find well compensated employment in a variety of clinical settings. A Pathologists' Assistant skills can be applied in hospitals, morgues, Medical Examiner's offices, private pathology laboratory settings, government agencies, academic institutions and as self-employed freelance contract workers.

To help meet the growing demand of Pathologists' Assistants, EVMS implemented a master's degree program in the fall of 2016.



## PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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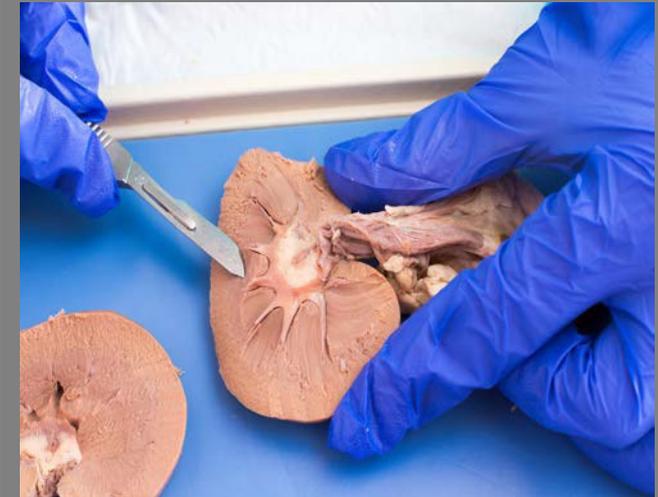
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# MASTER OF PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM



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## About the EVMS Pathologists' Assistant Program

A student enrolled in the EVMS Pathologists' Assistant Program will undergo rigorous training in a didactical setting followed by extensive clinical training in the discipline of anatomic pathology. Successful completion of the program assures the graduate has received the essential training necessary to be a fully competent Pathologists' Assistant that can work effectively among board certified pathologists, surgeons, medical examiners, pathology residents, as well as other professional peers in the health care arena. The competencies the student will acquire include:

- Identifying and describing a broad diversity of pathology in surgical specimens
- Processing fresh-frozen and fixed tissues utilizing proper histotechnology principles and techniques
- Participating in medical autopsy cases
- Extracting and synergizing pertinent medical history information from medical records
- Delivering case presentation summaries to peers using proper medical terminology
- Understanding fundamental techniques used in forensic pathology cases
- Acquiring the functional ability to conduct proper photo documentation of pathological findings using various digital technologies

## Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited university with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Other admission criteria include:



- Three letters of recommendation from faculty in the prerequisite courses
- A personal essay
- A resume/CV
- Submission of the online application (including \$125 non-refundable application fee)
- GRE or MCAT scores
- An interview with Pathologists' Assistant Program Admission Review Committee

## Prerequisite Courses

- 2 semesters of general chemistry with lab
- 2 semesters of organic chemistry with lab or 1 semester of organic chemistry with lab and 1 semester of biochemistry
- 2 semesters of general biology with lab or equivalent
- 1 semester of microbiology (recommended)
- 1 semester of combined anatomy & physiology (recommended)
- 1 semester of mathematics
- 1 semester of physics

- Courses in neuroanatomy and histology are recommended

## Educational Format

Our program consists of 78 credit hours, delivered over six semesters and is designed to meet NAACLS accreditation standards.

Year One will consist of 42 credit hours of courses, and Year Two will consist of 36 credit hours of courses and clinical rotations through various facilities.

**Clinical Rotations Second Year (minimum of 20 hours):** Students rotate through various facilities where they observe and practice the various aspects of anatomical pathology under the supervision of pathologists and pathologists' assistants.

**Online Courses:** Throughout the two-year curriculum, students will be required to complete a series of online courses.

## Who Should Apply

If you are interested in learning about human diseases and want to gain a deep understanding of pathology, then you will find this career choice exciting. If you enjoy dissection of human tissues, performing investigative work in autopsy cases, processing and examining surgical specimens, working in a laboratory setting, interacting with medical examiners, pathologists, and training residents, then a career as a Pathologists' Assistant is the right choice.