

## Why a career as a Pathologists' Assistant?

*Pathologists' Assistants contribute to the overall efficiency of the laboratory or pathology practice in a cost effective manner. With increased pressure on healthcare systems to control costs, the demand for qualified Pathologists' Assistants is growing every year. To help meet this demand, EVMS implemented the Pathologists' Assistant Master's Program.*



## EVMS PATHOLOGY & ANATOMY PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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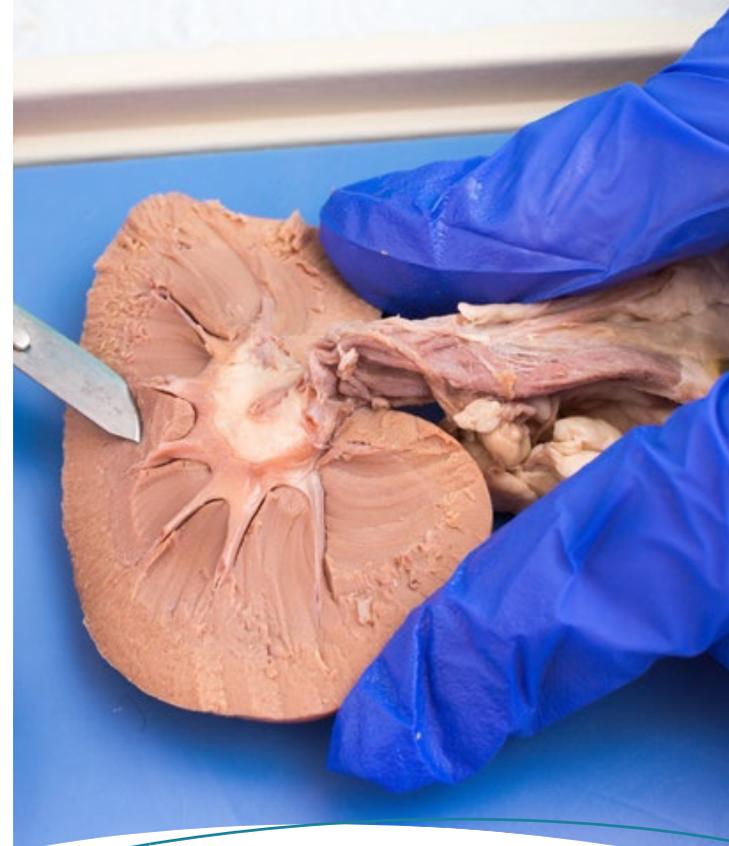
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# MASTER OF PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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## About the Pathologists' Assistant Program

A Pathologists' Assistant (PathA) is a highly trained allied health professional who provides various services under the direction and supervision of a Pathologist. Pathologists' Assistants interact with Pathologists in a manner similar to Physician Assistants in surgical and medical practice, carrying out their duties under the direction of Physicians. PathAs are academically and practically trained to provide accurate and timely processing of a variety of laboratory specimens, including the majority of pathological specimens which are key components to helping make a pathologic diagnosis.

## Key Program Advantages

- Earn a Master's in Health Sciences Program for Pathologists' Assistants
- The only program of its kind in the state of VA (only 12 programs in North America)
- 78 total credits delivered in six semesters with coursework the 1st year and clinical clerkships the 2nd year
- Fully established state-of-the-art laboratories and student resources.
- Biorepository training, certificates in Pathology Informatics and Lab Management
- Clinical clerkship training (in VA, MD, DC) with high volume and complexity.
- Special training in autopsies, forensics, and pediatric cases.
- Low tuition cost for in-state and out-of-state with financial aid available.

## Prerequisite Courses

- 2 semesters of General Biology with lab or equivalent
- 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
- 1 semester of College Mathematics
- 1 semester of Physics



State-of-the-Art Pathology Technology

## Recommended Science Courses

- 1 semester of Microbiology
- 1 semester of combined Anatomy & Physiology
- Neuroanatomy courses
- Histology courses

## Admission Requirements

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

- Three letters of recommendation from faculty in the pre-requisite courses
- Personal essay
- Resume/CV
- GRE or MCAT scores
- Online submission of application (including \$60 application fee)
- Pathologists' Assistant Shadowing Experience
- Interview with Pathology Assistant Program Admission Committee

All application materials, including test scores and transcripts, should be sent to:

Admissions and Enrollment  
School of Health Professions  
Attn: Pathologists' Assistant Program  
Eastern Virginia Medical School  
P.O. Box 1980  
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Visit:

[www.evms.edu/patha](http://www.evms.edu/patha)  
for online application and submission information.