## Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

## Graduate Application Checklist

Thank you for your interest in Ohio Dominican University's Master of Science in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program. We hope this checklist will help facilitate your graduate application process. The application deadline is January 15 of each year.

If you have any questions about the application process or ODU's PA Studies program, please contact the Office of Graduate Admission via e-mail, graduateadmissions@ohiodominican.edu, or phone, 614.251.4615. You also may find answers to your questions on our website, www.ohiodominican.edu. Completed and signed application form – Applicants must complete and sign (in all requested spaces) a graduate admission form and submit the appropriate application fee. Basic admission criteria – Applicants must have a bachelor-level degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Degree must be completed prior to matriculation. Prerequisite courses – Applicants must have successfully completed the following prerequisite courses within eight years of admission to ODU's PA Studies program. Coursework must be at least three semester hours. 3 chemistry courses, including inorganic/general chemistry with lab, organic chemistry with lab and biochemistry. • 4 humanities courses (e.g., history, literature, philosophy and fine arts) 5 biology courses, including human anatomy (lab recommended), human physiology (lab recommended) and microbiology with lab. Invertebrate or other vertebrate anatomy may be considered. Psychology and math courses, including psychology, lifespan psychology, statistics, and college algebra or higher mathematics. Minimum 250 hours of documented patient-care experience – Self documentation acceptable, subject to audit. Official transcripts – Mailed to Ohio Dominican University's Office of Graduate Admission, 1216 Sunbury Road, Erskine Hall Room 148, Columbus, OH 43219. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and/or Medical College Admissions Testing (MCAT) Three Letters of Recommendation – It is recommended that one letter should be from a professor and one from a clinician. Essay – Applicants should pen an essay describing in detail what the applicant understands about the PA profession, why s/he wishes to pursue a career as a PA and why the applicant chose Ohio Dominican University to pursue this career. Further information should touch on what qualities/experiences make the applicant a strong selection for the program. Prepared to Successfully Pass Program-Administered Medical Terminology Examination upon Matriculation – We strongly suggest study and completion of the latest edition of "The Language of Medicine." by Davi-Ellen Chabner (Elsevier Publishing). Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification – According to American Heart Association standards. Understanding of the minimal technical standards for admission and graduation – As posted on the website. Understanding that employment during the program is strongly discouraged – Due to the challenging nature of a PA Program. applicants are strongly discouraged from employment while attending the program. Criminal background check/drug screening – This requirement applies only to those students accepted into the program. Procedural details will be disseminated to those accepted. Applicants should understand that if admitted to the program, this is a requirement. Ohio Dominican University reserves the right to rescind admission into its Physician Assistant Studies Program for students whose

check comes back positive for any conviction, including, but not limited to, alcohol/drug-related offenses.