

PA Studies MAN/WOR SPRING/SUMMER 2026 BOOKLIST

Pre Program Required Course Completion

- PA Excel PA Prep Academy- “This program prepares the PA program candidate for the rigors of one of the most challenging academic programs and ensures readiness for success.” This is a mandatory 14 module self paced course that must be completed prior to the start of the program. All modules must be completed to earn the completion certificate. Certificates must be submitted to Cynthia Naum (Cynthia.naum@mcphs.edu) by Friday January 9, 2026. The cost is \$145, which provides access for up to three years. To sign up, visit: <https://www.paexcelonline.com/p/pre-pa1>

Pre-Course Required Reading

- Kelman, Eugenia G.; Straker, Kathleen C. Study Without Stress, Mastering Medical Sciences. SAGE Publications, Inc., 1999. ISBN: 978-0761916796
- M Ofri, D. (2011). Medicine in Translation: Journeys with my patients. Beacon Press. ISBN-10. 0807001260. ISBN-13. 978-0807001264 (see below for access/purchase information)
- Cohen, B., Jones, S. Medical Terminology: An Illustrated Guide, 9th Edition . Jones and Bartlett Learning, 2020. ISBN 10- 1975136373 ISBN 13- 978-1975136376 (older editions can be used as well)

Pre-Course Recommended Reading

- Sanders, Lisa; Every Patient Tells a Story: Medical Mysteries and the Art of Diagnosis. Harmony, 2010. ISBN-10 : 9780767922470
- Epstein, R. M. (2017). *Attending: Medicine, mindfulness, and humanity*. Scribner.
<https://isbnsearch.org/isbn/9781501121715>

Health Systems Science I and II (MPA-527/528)

- Feldman, Mitchell D.; Christensen, John F. Behavioral Medicine A Guide for Clinical Practice. McGraw-Hill Medical, Fifth Edition, 2020. ISBN 978-1-260-14268-6
- Cassidy, Barry A.; Blessing, J. Dennis. Ethics and Professionalism: A Guide for the Physician Assistant. F.A. Davis Company, 1st edition, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-0803613386

Clinical Medicine I and II (MPA-530/531)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS FOR CLINICAL MEDICINE I:

- Papadakis, M.; Rabow, M.;McQuaid, K. Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment 2025. McGraw-Hill Medical, 64th edition, 2024. ISBN-13: 978-1266266232 ISBN-10: 1266266232

Within your Clinical Medicine course, there is an additional mandatory learning aid known as the Blueprint Didactic QBank. Throughout Clin Med I, II and III you will have assigned assessments from Blueprint to help supplement and broaden your knowledge base. The cost of the Blueprint subscription

will be covered by the program. Blueprint registration information for MCPHS PA students entering the program in Spring 2026 will be available in the December 2025. Please do not register for an account until instructed to do so by the program. Instructions will come through your MCPHS email account. Please note that no additional fees will be incurred when registering for a Blueprint account as an MCPHS PA student.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS CLINICAL MEDCINE I:

- Longo, Dan; Fauci, Anthony; Kasper, Dennis; Hauser, Stephen; Jameson, J.; Losalzo, Joseph. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine. McGraw-Hill Professional, 21st edition, 2022. ISBN-13: 978-1264268504 ISBN-10: 1264268505
- Saavedra, Arturo; Roh, Ellen; Mikailov, Anar. Fitzpatrick's Color Atlas and Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology, 9th edition. ISBN-13: 9781264278015 ISBN-10: 1264278012

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS FOR CLINICAL MEDICINE II:

- Papadakis, M.; Rabow, M.;McQuaid, K. Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment 2025. McGraw-Hill Medical, 64th edition, 2024. ISBN-13: 978-1266266232 ISBN-10: 1266266232

Blueprint Didactic Q bank

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS CLINICAL MEDCINE II:

Longo, Dan; Fauci, Anthony; Kasper, Dennis; Hauser, Stephen; Jameson, J.; Losalzo, Joseph. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine. McGraw-Hill Professional, 21st edition, 2022. ISBN-13: 978-1264268504 ISBN-10: 1264268505

Patient Assessment I and II (MPA-538/539)

Required Textbooks:

- Fortin VI, Auguste H., et al. Smith's Patient Centered Interviewing An Evidence Based Method, Fourth Edition. McGraw-Hill Companies, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-259-64462-7
- Bickley, L., et al. Bate's Guide To Physical Examination and History Taking, 13th edition. Lippincott Williams & Williams, 2020 ISBN-10 1496398173 ISBN-13 : 978-149639817
- Weber DO; Edward, C. Practical Radiology: A Symptom-Based Approach. F.A. Davis Company, 1st edition, 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0803628328
- Dubin D. Rapid Interpretation of EKGs. Tampa, Florida: C.O.V.E.R. Inc., 6th edition, 2000. ISBN-13: 978-0912912066
- Pagana, Kathleen; Pagana, Timothy; Pagana, Theresa. Mosby's Manual of Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests, Elsevier, 6th or 7th edition is fine, ISBN-13: 978-0323697033 ISBN-10: 0323697038 (ISBN listed for 7th edition).
- Sullivan PhD RN, PA-C; Debra, D. Guide to Clinical Documentation. F. A. Davis Company, 3rd edition, 2018. ISBN-13: 978-0803666627

- Collins, R. Douglas. *Differential Diagnosis and Treatment in Primary Care*. Wolters Kluwer, 6th editions, 2017. ISBN-13: 978-1496374950
- Stern, Scott D.C., Cifu, Adam S., and Altkorn, Diane. *Symptom to Diagnosis: An Evidence-Based Guide*, McGraw Hill, 4th Edition, 2019. ISBN-13: 978-1260121117

Recommended texts

- LeBlond, Richard F.; DeGowin, Richard L.; Brown, Donald D. *DeGowin's Diagnostic Examination*. New York, New York; McGraw Hill Education, 10th ed, 2015

Pharmacology I, II, and III (MPA-541, 542, and 543)

Required Textbooks:

- Whalen, Karen. *Pharmacology (Lippincott's Illustrated Reviews)*. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, (8th edition), 2022. ISBN-13: 978-1975170554
- Gilbert, D.N., Chambers, H.F, Saag, M.S., Pavia, A.T., Boucher, H.W, Black D., Freeman, D.O., Kami K., Schwartz, B.S. *The Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy*. (55th edition), 2025. ISBN: 978-1-944272-29-6 Pocket Edition (English)

Clinical Anatomy (MPA-544)

Required textbooks

- Dalley A., Agur A. *Clinically Oriented Anatomy*. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 9th edition, 2022. ISBN/ISSN: 9781975154066
- Netter F. *Atlas of Human Anatomy*. 8th edition, Elsevier/Saunders, 2022. ISBN: 9780323680424 eBook ISBN: 9780323793759

Physiology/Pathophysiology I and II (MPA-546/547)

Recommended

- Rogers J. McCance & Huether's *Pathophysiology: The Biologic Basis for Disease in Adults and Children*. Mosby, 9th edition, 2022. ISBN-13: 978-0323789875

Program Recommended Textbooks

- Venes D. *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*. Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Company, 24th edition, 2021. ISBN- 9781719642859, 1719642850

- or -

Stedman JK. Stedman's Medical Dictionary, 28th edition, Baltimore, MD: Lippincott; 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0781733908.

MCPHS Library Website

https://mcphs.libguides.com/physician_assistant_studies

<https://www.mcphs.edu/library>