MASTERS OF PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE STUDIES (HONS)
(Undergraduate Integrated Masters)
Physician Associates (PAs) provide care to patients under the supervision of a Consultant or General Practitioner and is an innovative healthcare role within the NHS team.

Our integrated Masters of Physician Associate Studies (MPAS) provides you with an exciting opportunity to become a healthcare professional, combining university study with practical work-based placements.

**The Physician Associate Role**

Physician Associates provide care to patients and perform many similar tasks to doctors such as interviewing and examining patients, ordering tests and making decisions about patient management. These post holders play an increasingly important role in healthcare provision in the UK. Graduates from PA programmes in the UK are in high demand with approximately 100% employment and a starting salary of around £35,000 per year.

**Why study at UCLan?**

The Masters of Physician Associate Studies at UCLan is currently the only course of its kind in the UK.

The programme, bespoke to UCLan (whilst implementing the Faculty’s Curriculum & Content Document, 2012), has the flexibility to respect your individual and experiential background, knowledge and educational needs. The four-year training programme is designed to aid your development as an enhanced PA and makes use of a spiral curriculum to build on and use your knowledge and skills through a variety of clinical placements in Lancashire and Cumbria.

**Course Overview**

The first two years are focused on providing a solid scientific base that clinical knowledge and judgement can be built upon. This is delivered alongside medicine (MBBS) students. The final two years focus on clinical knowledge and patient assessment and is taught with the postgraduate Physician Associate students. The final two years will be a 50:50 split between university study and clinical placements.
What will you get out of the course?

• A fundamental knowledge of medical sciences taught via interactive small groups, practical sessions and lectures.

• Extensive clinical and communication skills, meaning you graduate work-ready.

• A full spectrum of clinical placement opportunities: urban, rural, specialised hospital and general practice.

• Well-developed team-working skills, making you a confident and competent candidate for PA roles within the healthcare industry.

Course Highlights

• You will have the opportunity to study in state-of-the-art facilities including our Human Anatomy Resource Learning Centres which include virtual dissection tables and modern anatomical models.

• Clinical skills facilities cater for techniques including simulation, role play, body system examinations and clinical procedural skills with high fidelity equipment to provide as real an environment as possible.

• Patient contact from Year 1 through our Comensus group (a community of individuals from diverse backgrounds with a wide variety of health and social care experiences).

• Access to valuable links in the NHS.

Where will an MPAS take you?

Employability in the NHS for qualified PAs (once you have passed the National Exam, as well as the programme at university), is currently 100% as demand is far in excess of supply. As a generalist practitioner, jobs are typically based in acute medicine, surgery and GP practices along with some more specialised areas such as paediatrics and elderly health.

After completing your MPAS, you can also seek further opportunities within education by studying for a PhD or undertaking research.

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Short form of course: MPAS/PAS

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