



BETHEL PA STUDENT PROFILE

The Bethel University Physician Assistant Program launched in June of 2013 and successfully graduated the inaugural cohort in August of 2015. The program continues to graduate annually in August since that first class. The strength of the cohorts is represented by how the students have met the program goals during and after completion of the program.

The ranges of academic, personal, and experiential qualifications for accepted applicants are as follows with 32 students accepted each year:

- Overall GPA Average: 3.80, Range: 3.40 – 4.00
- Overall Science GPA Average: 3.77, Range: 3.55 – 4.00
- Average Hours of Patient Care Experience: 1,954, Range: 261 – 59,000
- Age Range: 21-50+ with 50% of students between 22-26 years of age
- Gender Ratio: 6 Females to 1 Male (similar to applicant pool).
- The majority of students come from the upper Midwest states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, North and South Dakota. We have had students from the southwest, west coast, east coast, and Alaska.

Although this represents the range of qualifications among accepted candidates, each applicant is evaluated on his/her individual merits, based upon application materials and personal interviews. Evidence of academic potential, motivation, personal maturity, self-assurance, good interpersonal skills, and knowledge of the health care system and Bethel University will weigh strongly in the admission decision for the class size of 32 students. Specifically, evidence for competency, compassion, and confidence will be evaluated for fit with the Bethel University PA Program's leadership development focus.