Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Physician Assistant Program at the Medical University of South Carolina. Our program is housed in the College of Health Professions along with a variety of other health professional programs. Our students benefit from interdisciplinary training and opportunities to develop relationships with a large, diverse group of future healthcare colleagues.

You have chosen an excellent program and a strong profession with much higher than average growth. Physician Assistants contribute significantly to healthcare delivery for many South Carolinians and patients all across the country. The US Bureau of Labor and Health Statistics projects a 38% increase in the need for PA’s between 2012 and 2022.

Our program earned approval in 2003 for an entry-level Masters of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies by the Medical University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). MUSC confers a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) upon completion of the program.

We strive to educate highly competent physician assistants who are compassionate, culturally aware, and attuned to the health care needs of the people of SC and beyond. They will:

- provide quality, state-of-the-art, patient-centered health care as integral members of physician-led health care teams;
- contribute to the development of new knowledge to improve physician assistant education and health care;
- advocate for the physician assistant profession; and
- help meet the health needs of the larger community through education and service

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and current students, I assure you that your application will be reviewed with utmost care. If you have any questions or concerns about our admissions process or the program, please do not hesitate to contact us at 843-792-3775.

Sincerely,

Helen Martin, DHSC, PA-C
Assistant Professor and Program Director