



**WAYNE STATE**  
Eugene Applebaum  
College of Pharmacy  
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**PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT  
MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Imagine being a member of a coalition of researchers, educators, and practitioners from many professions who work together to improve human health. We transform students into highly skilled health care practitioners who advance the health and well-being of society. Through research, we discover, evaluate, and implement new knowledge to improve models and methods of practice in pharmacy and health sciences from the urban to global levels. Arrive at your health career destination by accepting our invitation to explore the programs of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

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**WHAT DOES A PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT DO?**

A Pathologists' Assistant (PA) is a highly trained professional who helps surgical pathologists in preparation, gross description and dissection of human tissue and surgical specimens. The PA will also assist to prepare and perform postmortem examinations and coordinate autopsy activities, including photography, specimen coding and report filing. They properly restore bodies for release to the funeral director and confirm legal authorization for special sampling, such as tissue donation and organ transplantation, and perform administrative duties.

The following organization can provide further information about a career as a Pathologists' Assistant:

- American Association of Pathologists' Assistants (AAPA) 800-532-AAPA  
www.pathassist.org

**WHY BECOME A PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT?**

*"The job seems tough at first, but with practice you get better and faster at grossing, autopsy, and time management. WSU's Pathologists' Assistant Program gave me the confidence and skills I use everyday at my job."*

**- Jason Haas  
Pathologists' Assistant**

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**WHY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY?**

Wayne State University is one of America's premier urban research universities, with more than 28,000 graduate and undergraduate students. The University provides a multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and collaborates closely with government, industry and other institutions on a range of programs.

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) is located on one of the largest academic medical campuses in the United States and puts you in close proximity to the nation's leading health care educators. A degree from the College puts you in good company, with more than 12,000 EACPHS-educated health care professionals working in Michigan.

In the Wayne State Pathologist's Assistant program, clinical training is offered in cooperation with the Detroit Medical Center hospitals and the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. Recent graduates have achieved an excellent pass rate on the national examination and are employed in leading medical centers across the nation. The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) and is one of just nine accredited programs in the United States.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

See back for application deadline information. The applicant must successfully complete the admission requirements, including application for admission to WSU and the professional program application. Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee an interview or admission into the program.

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 3.0 overall GPA, as well as a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in prerequisite coursework.
- All grades in prerequisite requirements must be a minimum of "C" or better (2.0 on a 4.0 grade scale).
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution by program start (all bachelor's degree types accepted).
- Prerequisite requirements must be completed by December.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is not your first language. See <http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate> for English proficiency requirements.
- WES course-by-course evaluation of foreign transcripts.
- Applicants must attend at least one information meeting within one year of program application. Out-of-state applicants should contact Robert Hellar at [ac4659@wayne.edu](mailto:ac4659@wayne.edu) for the audio recording of meeting.
- Applicants must have the following shadowing experiences: Eight hours in a surgical lab setting and five hours (or one autopsy) in a medical examiner setting. Note: It is the student's responsibility to locate shadowing experiences.

## PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

- Two Biology courses (higher than BIO 1050)
- Microbiology & Lab
- Anatomy and Physiology & Lab
- General Chemistry & Lab
- Organic and/or Biochemistry
- Mathematics (MAT 1000 or higher or statistics)
- English Composition

***Math and science requirements must have been taken within the past six years.***

## THE PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY:

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)  
5600 N. River Road, Suite 720  
Rosemont, IL 60018-5119  
773-714-8880  
[www.naacls.org](http://www.naacls.org)



**Jason Haas** is a Pathologists' Assistant at Buffalo Pathologists, Inc., working most often at Buffalo General Hospital. He analyzes a range of specimens from routine biopsies to large cancer cases. He chose WSU's program for its small class size and because it offers its students broad clinical experiences, including rotations at multiple

hospitals. He adds, "I think one of the secret gems of WSU is the Medical Examiner rotation; not every school provides access to forensic pathology." The program provides valuable one on one training and easy access to instructors. Haas is glad he pursued both WSU and the profession: "I was able to find a job that was high paying, desirable, and interesting before I graduated."

## GENERAL DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

### GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION DUE - January 15

<http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate>  
Office of Graduate Admissions  
5057 Woodward  
Suite 6000  
Detroit, MI 48202-0340  
[www.wayne.edu](http://www.wayne.edu)  
313-577-4723

Office of Student Financial Aid  
313-577-2100  
<http://wayne.edu/financial-aid/>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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**Attend one of our monthly Information Meetings held the 1st Tuesday of every month.  
See [www.cphs.wayne.edu/meetings.php](http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/meetings.php)**