

Pathologists' Assistant Master of Science Program

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Program Summary

[Marshfield Labs](#) ([St. Joseph's Hospital](#) / [Marshfield Clinic](#) Joint Venture Lab) provides a five-month clinical rotation for students seeking a Master of Science degree in Pathologists' Assistant Studies at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, IL.

Students must be enrolled in the [Pathologists' Assistant Program at Rosalind Franklin University](#) to participate in the clinical rotation at Marshfield Labs. To inquire about the Pathologists' Assistant Master of Science Degree Program, please contact [Rosalind Franklin University](#) directly.

The Pathologists' Assistant Program at Rosalind Franklin University is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). Information regarding program accreditation status may be obtained from NAACLS at 5600 N. River Rd., Suite 720, Rosemont, Illinois, 60018-5119, Ph. 773-714-8880, or at www.naacls.org.

General Information

Clinical Rotation (Rosalind Franklin University Graduate Course "HAPA 630-Anatomic Pathology Clerkship")

Students spend five months in the pathology laboratories at Marshfield Labs/St. Joseph's Hospital/Marshfield Clinic. During this time, students perform the duties of a Pathologists' Assistant under the guidance of a preceptor. Emphasis is placed on developing the students' skills of gross tissue description, dissection and frozen section preparation in surgical pathology. In autopsy pathology, emphasis is placed on autopsy technique including evisceration and block dissection.

Tuition and Fees

Students pay tuition and fees directly to Rosalind Franklin University. In the event of withdrawal, students are subject to the refund and withdrawal policies of Rosalind Franklin University.

The cost of textbooks varies and is the responsibility of the student.

The cost of national certification examinations is the responsibility of the student.

The cost of all housing, meals, and travel during the clinical rotation is the responsibility of the student.

Students who need financial assistance are encouraged to contact Rosalind Franklin University's Financial Aid Office for information on scholarships, grants, and student loans.

Policies

During orientation, students will receive information on the safety, security, and confidentiality policies of Marshfield Labs/St. Joseph's Hospital/Marshfield Clinic. Students will be expected to adhere to these policies during the clinical rotation.

Caregiver Background Check

Students are required to complete a Background Information Disclosure form prior to beginning the clinical rotation. A caregiver background check may be conducted at the discretion of Marshfield Labs/St. Joseph's Hospital/Marshfield Clinic.

Health Requirements

Students are required to complete a Health Information Report documenting their current immunization status prior to beginning the clinical rotation.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their own medical care needs and their own health care costs. They are fully responsible for all costs related to general medical or emergency care including, but not limited to, immunizations, tests, procedures, office visits, and hospitalizations. Students may use the services of the Urgent Care Department, Emergency Department, or may seek care from a provider of their choice at their own expense. St. Joseph's Hospital / Marshfield Clinic does not provide health insurance for students.

Housing

Students are responsible for obtaining their own housing and are responsible for their own housing costs.

Meals

Meals may be purchased in the Hospital or Clinic cafeterias. Students receive a discount when wearing their Marshfield Clinic nametag. Lunches carried in must be eaten in the cafeterias or break rooms. Food and beverages are not allowed in the laboratories.

Dress Code

Students are required to follow a dress code appropriate to the professional work involved and within the guidelines required for employees. Clothing should be clean, free from holes and tears, and not wrinkled or tattered. Scrubs or dress slacks and neat, clean blouses/shirts or turtlenecks are acceptable attire. Stockings must be worn; legs must be covered below pant/skirt hemlines. Open-backed shoes are acceptable, but open-toed shoes are not allowed. Tennis shoes are acceptable.

Laboratory coats and nametags are provided by Marshfield Labs.

Hours

Students are to be in attendance Monday through Friday, 40hr/wk.

Holidays / Vacations

Students are not expected to be in the laboratory on national holidays.

Absences

Students who will be unavoidably late or absent for any reason must notify their assigned department as soon as possible. All work missed due to tardiness or absence must be made up by the student.

Internet Access

Marshfield Clinic Information Systems Department conducts a brief training session for students. A login will be provided for Internet and Marshfield Clinic e-mail access. PCs are available in the Marshfield Medical Library and in other locations throughout the facility. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Wireless access is available in limited areas; network connections are not provided.

Graduation

Upon completion of all university program requirements, students receive the degree of Master of Science in Pathologists' Assistant Studies from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.