DUKE UNIVERSITY School of Medicine Pathologists' Assistant Program

Academic Calendar 2025-2026

Class of 2027

First Year Fall Term 2025

August

6	Wednesday	White Coat Ceremony	Mandatory
7-8	Thursday/Friday	First Year Orientation	Mandatory
11	Monday	Begin Classes	PATHASST204 Practical Pathology Techniques
22	Friday	End Classes	PATHASST204 Practical Pathology Techniques
25	Monday	Begin Classes	Foundations of Patient Care 1
September			
1	Monday	Labor Day	Student Holiday
November			
25	Tuesday	6:00 PM Suspend Classes	Foundations of Patient Care 1
26 – 30	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break	Student Holiday
December			
1	Monday	Resume Classes	Foundation of Patient Care 1
19	Friday	Suspend Classes 5:00 PM	Foundations of Patient Care 1
19 – Jan 4	Friday	5:00 PM Begin Winter Break	Student Holiday
January			
1	Wednesday	New Year's Day	Student Holiday
5	Thursday	Resume Classes	Foundations of Patient Care 1/PATHASST203
19	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Student Holiday
26	Monday	End of Classes	Foundations of Patient Care 1/PATHASST203

First Year Spring Term 2026

January			
27	Tuesday	1:00 PM Begin Classes	Foundations of Patient Care 2
March			
13	Friday	Suspend Classes	Foundations of Patient Care 2
14-22	Saturday	Spring Break	Student Holiday
23	Monday	Resume Classes	Foundations of Patient Care 2
May			
10	Sunday	Graduation	Class of 2026-Luncheon and Recognition Ceremony
25	Monday	Memorial Day	Student Holiday
June			
19	Friday	No Classes	Juneteenth Observed
26	Friday	End Classes 5:00 PM	Foundations of Patient Care 2
June/July			
27-5	Saturday	Summer Break	Student Holiday
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First Year Summer Term 2026 lulv

July			
6	Monday	Second Year Orientation	Mandatory
6	Monday	Begin Clinical Rotations	Summer Clinical Rotations
9	Thursday	2 nd Year Senior Seminars	
August			
5	Wednesday	White Coat Ceremony	Mandatory
6-7	Thursday	First Year Orientation	
28	Friday	End of Summer Clinicals	
September			
A 29-Sep 6	Saturday	Fall Break	Student Holiday

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First Year Summer Term 2025

July			
7	Monday	Second Year Orientation	Mandatory
7	Tuesday	Begin Clinical Rotations	Summer Clinical Rotations
10	Thursday	2 nd Year Senior Seminars	
August			
6	Wednesday	White Coat Ceremony	
7-8	Thursday/Friday	1 st Year Orientation	
29	Friday	1 st Summer Rotation Ends	
September			
A30-Sept 7	Saturday	Fall Break	Student Holiday

Second Year Fall Term 2025 September

September			
8	Monday	Begin Classes	Fall Clinical Rotations
November			
21	Friday	Suspend Classes 5:00 PM	Fall Clinical Rotations
22-30	Saturday	Thanksgiving Break	Student Holiday
December			
1	Monday	Resume Classes	Fall Clinical Rotations
19	Friday	End Classes	Fall Clinical Rotations
20-Jan 4	Saturday	Winter Break	Student Holiday

Second Year Spring Term 2026

January			
5	Monday	Begin Classes	Spring Clinical Rotations
19	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Student Holiday
April			
24	Friday	Suspend Classes 5:00 PM	Spring Clinical Rotations
25-May 3	Saturday	Spring Break	Student Holiday
May			
4	Monday	Begin Classes	Spring Clinical Rotations
8	Friday	End Classes	Spring Clinical Rotations
10	Sunday	Graduation	Luncheon and Recognition Ceremony
11	Monday	2 nd Year Student Holiday	Student Holiday

Second Year Summer Term 2026

12	Tuesday	Begin Classes	Summer Practicums
25	Monday	Memorial Day	Student Holiday
June			
19	Friday	Juneteenth Observed	Student Holiday
July			
2	Thursday	Summer Portfolios Due	
3	Friday	Independence Day Holiday Observed	Student Holiday
6	Monday	Seminar Dress Rehearsals	
9	Thursday	Senior Seminars	Location TBD
9	Thursday	Certification Banquet	University Club