GENERAL PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REQUIREMENTS*

Physician Assistant programs vary greatly in required prerequisite coursework. This is a list of the commonly required courses for Florida schools.

English 6 Semester Hours
College Algebra 3 Semester Hours
General Biology (with lab) 8 Semester Hours
General Chemistry (with lab) 8 Semester Hours
Organic Chemistry 3 Semester Hours
Biochemistry 3 Semester Hours
Anatomy & Physiology (with labs) 8 Semester Hours
Microbiology 4 Semester Hours
Medical Terminology 3 Semester Hours
Statistics 3 Semester Hours
Psychology 3 Semester Hours
Genetics 3 Semester Hours

*Recommended / Students should check individual schools’ admission requirements for these specific courses.

SPECIFIC FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COURSES

BIOLOGY
BSC 2010, 2010L Biology I w/ Lab 4 Semester Hours
BSC 2011, 2011L Biology II w/ Lab 4 Semester Hours
MCB 4403, 4403L Microbiology w/Lab 4 Semester Hours
PCB 3063 Genetics 3 Semester Hours

CHEMISTRY
CHM 1045, 1045L General Chemistry I w/Lab 4 Semester Hours
CHM 1046, 1046L General Chemistry II w/Lab 4 Semester Hours
CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry I 3 Semester Hours
CHM 2211L Organic Chemistry II Lab 3 Semester Hours
OR
CHM 3217, 3217L Organic Chemistry w/ Lab 4 Semester Hours

BIOTECH
BCH 4053 General Biochemistry I 3 Semester Hours
OR
CHM 3218 Biochemistry 4 Semester Hours

(ChM 3217, 3217L must be followed by ChM 3218)

ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
BSC 2085, 2085L Clinical Anatomy/Physiology I w/Lab 4 Semester Hours
BSC 2086, 2086L Clinical Anatomy/Physiology II w/Lab 4 Semester Hours

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
CLT 2049 OR APK 2001 Medical Terminology 3 Semester Hours

PSYCHOLOGY
PSY 2012 General Psychology 3 Semester Hours

STATISTICS
STA 2122 Introduction to Applied Statistics 4 Semester Hours
PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT INFORMATION

- P.A. Programs (U.S.)
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- P.A. Programs (Florida)
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    - Florida State University
    - Adventist University of Health Sciences (Orlando)
    - Barry University (Miami, St. Petersburg)
    - Florida Gulf Coast University
    - Florida International University
    - Keiser University
    - Miami-Dade College
    - Nova Southeastern University (Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando, Jacksonville, Ft. Myers)
    - South University (Tampa, West Palm Beach)
    - University of Florida
    - University of South Florida

- Degree/Major:
  - Master’s degree programs require a bachelor’s degree. (Miami-Dade College is not a master’s program)

- Selection Factors:
  - Applicants are evaluated on their academic record, clinical experience, maturity, and commitment to a health care career, and communication and interpersonal skills. Most programs require at least 1 year of direct patient care experience before entering the program.

- Admission Test:
  - Most programs require the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). GRE scores should be sent direct by the applicants to the schools to which they are applying. Score should be less than 5 years old. The exam fee is $205 and $27 for each additional score report requested. [www.ets.org/gre/](http://www.ets.org/gre/)

- Application Services:
  - Many P.A. programs use the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). Applications are available on-line beginning in April, the year prior to entering P.A. school. All materials should arrive at CASPA to complete the application at least four weeks prior to the earliest deadline. The application deadlines will vary for different programs. The application is available at [www.paeacodeonline.org/caspa](http://www.paeacodeonline.org/caspa). The processing fee is $177 for the first school and $51 for each additional school requested.

- Letters of Evaluation:
  - Most programs require 3 letters of evaluation. Reference forms should be downloaded from the CASPA website. Letters should include academic references such as professors and from clinicians such as physicians and physician assistants.

- Experience:
  - Physician Assistant programs require substantial clinical experience in evaluating applicants. Most programs want at least 1,000 hours of direct patient care experience but the amount may vary by school (the program at the University of Florida recommends 2,000 hours of direct patient care experience).