

Pre-Physician Assistant

Requirements for admission to the physician assistant program vary. Students will need to contact individual programs for their specific requirements. A baccalaureate degree obtained from accredited institution of higher education is required prior to matriculation. Health care experience is recommended and in some cases required. In addition, some programs require direct patient care while others accept shadowing health care professionals. Applicants are required to take the GRE (Verbal, Quantitative, and Writing Components). A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for most programs, although most programs report 3.5 average GPA. The American Academy of Physician Assistants maintains a website aapa.org that explains the profession, career opportunities and programs offered in the United States of America. Applicants to the program are generally required to complete the following prerequisite courses prior to admission:

- Science courses should include laboratory work

Required Courses	Hours
Statistics or Biostatistics	3-4
Biology	4
General Chemistry	8
Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry	3
Microbiology	4
Human Anatomy	4
Human Physiology	4
Medical Terminology	1
Human Growth and Development	3

Total Credits

34-35
