

Common prerequisites for physician assistant programs

This is a general guide for applying to a range of PA in the U.S. It lists courses commonly required or recommended by PA programs. Since requirements may vary by school, applicants should consult the websites of the PA programs where they plan to apply.

COURSE	Credits	COURSE	Credits
BIOL 106 Introductory Biology: Organismal	4	BIOL 315 Gross and Microanatomy	4
BIOL 107 Introductory Biology: Cell	4	BIOL 353 Advanced Human Physiology	4
BIOL 220 Medical Terminology	2	STAT 212 Intro to Statistical Methods OR PSYCH 311	4
CHEM 105 Principles of Chemistry I	4	ENGL 101 College Composition	3
CHEM 106 Principles of Chemistry II	4	ENGL 402 Technical/Profess. Writing (some may accept ENGL 201 Writing & Research)	3
CHEM 345 Organic Chemistry I	4	PSYCH 105 Intro to Psychology	3
BIOL/MBIOS 301 General Genetics*	4	PHIL 365 Biomedical Ethics*	3
MBIOS 303 Introductory Biochemistry	4	Additional Psychology/Human Development/Sociology <u>or</u> Anthropology* (Examples: PSYCH 333, PSYCH 361/HD 101/SOC 101 <u>or</u> ANTH 101)	3-6
MBIOS 304 General Microbiology Lab	3	Additional Upper Division BIOL/CHEM <u>or</u> MBIOS* (Examples: BIOL 333/ CHEM 348 <u>or</u> MBIOS 440)	3 or 4, depends on class
MBIOS 305 General Microbiology (lecture)	3	MATH 106 College Algebra & 108 Trigonometry OR Calculus I (MATH 140/171)	3+2 4
PHYS 101 General Physics I (lecture) & PHYS 111 (lab) AND PHYS 102 General Physics II (lecture) & PHYS 112 (lab) (OR Students can take Calculus-based physics: PHYS 201/211 and PHYS 202/212)	3+1 3+1		

Some PA programs may require these courses. * Recommended.

Completion of prerequisite courses: Some programs specify that prereqs must: 1) be completed with a B- or better grade per course, 2) must be completed within the last 5-7 years, and 3) should be taken at the upper division level when appropriate for the nature of the course (consult with HPSC advisor). Some programs will not accept AP courses, particularly for the science & math prerequisites. Not all PA programs accept CLEP, DANTES or DSST credits.

WSU's Transfer Center for Policy & Resources provides resources to help you understand how your credits will transfer to WSU. Please visit <https://transfercredit.wsu.edu/transfer-course-search-tool/> and select the *Transfer Course Search Tool* to view course equivalencies.