

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Office of Health Professions, University of North Texas

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Texas PA Schools

Baylor College of Medicine
Hardin-Simmons University
Interservice Physician Assistant Program
Texas Tech University Health Science Center
University of North Texas Health Science Center
University of Texas Health Science Center—San Antonio
University of Texas Medical Branch—Galveston
UT Southwestern Medical Center
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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Applying to PA School

Application services:

- Central Application Service of Physician Assistants (CASPA),
<https://caspa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Additional Information

- To further explore the PA profession, visit the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) website at www.aapa.org
- Requires completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Programs have limited seats and are competitive in nature

Preparing for the GRE?

Visit www.ets.org/gre

for information about the test

Exam Preparation Materials:

Kaplan
Princeton Review

Get Involved!

Alpha Epsilon Delta

Pre-Health Minority Club
(Alpha Delta)

Medically Dedicated Students
UNT's Pre-PA Club

Global Medical Brigades

Hearts for the Homeless

Mapping the Pre-Physician Assistant Journey

With the help of your advisor, use the prerequisite courses listed on the following page to create an individual plan for your pre-physician assistant ambitions. Because circumstances can change and differ over time, this is an **unofficial** timeline and should be re-evaluated each semester.

FALL _____	Hrs.

SPRING _____	Hrs.

SUMMER I	Hrs.

SUMMER II	Hrs.

FALL _____	Hrs.

SPRING _____	Hrs.

SUMMER I	Hrs.

SUMMER II	Hrs.

FALL _____	Hrs.

SPRING _____	Hrs.

Fall Timeline
GRE Preparation

Spring Timeline
CASPA opens in April
GRE Prep/Take Test in March
Recommended: Complete Prereqs before Applying

SUMMER: GRE should be complete by early summer.

FALL _____	Hrs.

SPRING _____	Hrs.

The application timeline differs for each PA school. Please visit their websites for more information on deadlines and application requirements.

PREREQUISITES

Prerequisite Coursework for Texas PA Schools

A 'C' or better is required in all coursework
A Bachelor's Degree is Required

BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy & Physiology I (4hrs) CHEM 1410/1430 General Chemistry I (4hrs)
BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy & Physiology II (4hrs) CHEM 1420/1440 General Chemistry II (4hrs)
BIOL 2041/2042 Microbiology (4hrs) CHEM 2370/3210 Organic Chemistry I (4hrs)
MATH 1680 Elementary Statistics (3hrs) PSYC 1630 General Psychology I (3hrs)

Additional Requirements by School

Baylor University

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
Additional Psychology Elective (3hrs)
ENGL 1310 College Writing (3hrs)
Requires BLS (Basic Life Support) Certification
BIOL 3500 Medical Terminology Recommended
AP Credit will not be accepted

Hardin-Simmons

Biology coursework (8hrs)
Recommended: BIOL 1710/1720/1760
ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3hrs)
SOC 1510 Introduction to Sociology**
Only requires 4hrs of General Chemistry
**May accept additional 3 Hours of
Psychology in place of Sociology

Interservice U.S. Army

English Writing/Composition (6hrs)
Any Psychology (3hrs)
Humanities (6hrs)—Options: Government, History
Foreign Language, Art, Social Science,
and Religion
MATH 1100 College Algebra or higher (3hrs)
Does not require Statistics and will not satisfy the
College Algebra or higher requirement
Only requires 6 hours of Chemistry (general or above)
BIOL 3500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)
A&P labs not required but recommended
Does not require: Microbiology, or Organic Chemistry
Bachelor's degree is not required—60 hours minimum

Texas Tech University

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
BIOC 3621/3622 Principles of Biochemistry (4hrs) will
be accepted in place of Organic Chemistry
Does not require General Chemistry, but is a
prerequisite for Organic Chemistry at UNT
AP credit not accepted for science prerequisites

UNT Health Sciences Center

Additional Social Science Elective from one of the
following areas: ANTH, PSYC, or SOCI (3hrs)
MATH 1100 College Algebra (3hrs) or higher
Requires two advanced courses (6hrs) from the
following: BIOL 3451, BIOL 4201, BIOL 3510,
BIOC 3621 or 4540
Does not require Gen. Chemistry, but is a prerequisite
for Organic Chemistry at UNT

UT San Antonio

BIOL 1710/1720/1760 Biology I&II with lab (8hrs)
BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
Will accept PSYC 3620 (Developmental Psychology) or
PSYC 4610 (Abnormal Psychology) in place of PSYC
1630 General Psychology

UT Medical Branch

BIOL 1710/1720/1760 Biology I&II with lab (8hrs)
BIOL 4201 Immunology (3hrs)
Subs are available for this prereq. See website.
BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
Requires two courses (6hrs) from the following:
Psychology and Sociology. PSYC 1630 General
Psychology will count towards this requirement.
BIOL 3500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)
Will accept Biochemistry in place of Organic
Chemistry
***If received CLEP or AP credit for BIOL
1710/1720/1760, you must receive 8 hours of
additional Biology coursework with a letter grade
Requires BLS (Basic Life Support) Certification

UT Southwestern

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
College Algebra is an option in place of Statistics
Recommended Courses: BIOC 3621 or 4540,
BIOL 3510, HLTH 2200, BIOL 4201, BIOL 3500,
BIOL 4250, Spanish

UT Rio Grande Valley

BIOL 1710 General Biology I (3hrs)
BIOL 1720 General Biology II (3hrs)
BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
Does not require labs for all science courses, though
some labs are required to enroll in other prerequisite
coursework. It would also be beneficial to take the labs
to be competitive for other PA schools.
Biochemistry can replace Organic Chemistry
Will accept Abnormal Psychology in place of General
Psychology

Program requirements may change without notice and vary with each school; you are still responsible for checking schools' websites for admissions information. Please see your academic advisor to further explore the requirements of the school in which you are interested.

Webpages and Resources

Texas Physician Assistant Schools

Baylor College of Medicine

<https://www.bcm.edu/>

Hardin-Simmons University

<https://www.hsutx.edu/academics/holland/graduate/physician-assistant/>

Interservice US. Army

<http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/>

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

<http://www.ttuhscc.edu/>

University of North Texas Health Science Center

<http://web.unthsc.edu/>

University of Texas Health Science Center—San Antonio

<http://www.uthscsa.edu/>

University of Texas Medical Branch —Galveston

<http://www.utmb.edu/>

UT Southwestern Medical Center

<http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/>

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

<http://www.utrgv.edu/pa/index.htm>

Student and Professional Associations

Alpha Epsilon Delta

http://unt.orgsync.com/show_profile/39288-alpha-epsilon-delta

Alpha Delta: Pre-Health Minority Club

<https://orgsync.com/9926/chapter>

Medically Dedicated Students

http://unt.orgsync.com/show_profile/10711-health-occupations-students-of-america

UNT Pre-PA Club

http://unt.orgsync.com/show_profile/33638-pre-physician-assistant-club

UNT's Volunteer Organizations

<http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/>

Global Medical Brigades

<https://unt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/global-medical-brigades>

Hearts for the Homeless

<https://unt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/hearts-for-the-homeless-dallas>

GRE Information and Preparation

About the GRE

<http://www.ets.org/gre>

GRE Prep Materials

<http://www.kaptest.com/>

<http://www.princetonreview.com/>

Experience and Additional Resources

Physician Scribing

<http://www.scribeology.com/>

<http://scribeinnovations.com/>

<http://www.docassistscribe.com/>

Career Exploration

<http://texashotjobs.mobi/>

<http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/home>

Contact Us

To schedule an advising appointment, please contact our front desk at 940-369-8606. Have a quick question? Feel free to send us an e-mail using the addresses listed on the front page.

The best way to achieve your academic and career goals is to ask for help! We are committed to providing you the best service possible, so we look forward to seeing you in the near future!