

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>

UNT Health Professions Program
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1155 Union Circle #311365
Denton, TX 76203

Phone: 940-369-8606

Website: <https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions>

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)

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

National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants

Texas Academy of Physician Assistants Examiners

Association of Physician Assistant Programs

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

Hardin-Simmons

Biology Coursework (8hrs)
Recommended: BIOL 1710/1720/1760
ENGL 1310 College Writing (3hrs)
SOC1 1510 Intro to Sociology
Only requires 4hrs of Chemistry

Interservice U.S. Army

English Writing/Composition (6hrs)
Humanities (6hrs)—Options: Government,
History, Foreign Language, Art, Social Science, and
Religion
MATH 1100 or higher (3hrs)
Does not require Statistics and will not satisfy the
College Algebra or higher requirement
Only requires 6 hours of Chemistry
BIOL 3500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)
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 Elementary Biochemistry (3hrs) or
BIOC 4540 Biochemistry I (3hrs) will be accepted in
place of Organic Chemistry
Does not require General Chemistry
Recommended: HDFS 1013, BIOL 3510, BIOL 4201, and
BIOL 3500

UNT Health Sciences Center

Additional Social Science Elective from one of the follow-
ing areas: ANTH, PSYC, or SOC1 (3hrs)
MATH 1100 College Algebra (3hrs) or higher
Does not require General Chemistry*
Requires two advanced courses (6hrs) from the
following: BIOL 3451, BIOL 4201, BIOL 3510, BIOL
4751, BIOL 4250, BIOL 4300, BIOL 3621 or 4540

UT San Antonio

BIOL 1710/1720/1760 Biology I & II with lab (8hrs)
CHEM 2380/3220 Organic Chemistry II (4hrs)
BIOC 3621 Elementary Biochemistry (3hrs) or BIOC 4540
Biochemistry I (3hrs)
BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
Will accept PSYC 3620 (Developmental Psychology) or
PSYC 4610 (Abnormal Psychology) in place of PSYC
1630 General Psychology
Does not require General Chemistry*

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

UT Southwestern

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
Does not require Statistics, but recommended and can
replace MATH 1100 College Algebra
Recommended Courses: BIOC 3621 or 4540,
BIOL 3510, HLTH 2200, BIOL 4201, BIOL 3500,
BIOL 4250, Spanish, MATH 1680

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

Note: Though some PA programs do not require Biology I & II, these courses are prerequisites for Microbiology and upper-level Biology courses at UNT. Likewise, General Chemistry I & II are prerequisites for enrollment in Organic Chemistry.

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://aedunt.wix.com/texastheta>

Alpha Delta: Pre-Health Minority Club

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

Medically Dedicated Students

<https://orgsync.com/10711/chapter>

UNT Pre-PA Club

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

UNT's Volunteer Organizations

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

Association of Physician Assistant Programs

<https://www.aapa.org/>

Texas Academy of Physician Assistant Examiners

<http://www.tapa.org/>

National Commission on the Certification of
Physician Assistants

<http://www.nccpa.net/>

Physician Assistant Education Association

<http://www.paeaonline.org/>

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!

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>