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

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)

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. |
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| 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.

The application timeline differs for each PA school. Please visit their websites for more information on deadlines and application requirements.
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<th>Prerequisite Coursework for Texas PA Schools</th>
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<td><strong>A ‘C’ or better is required in all coursework</strong></td>
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<td><strong>A Bachelor’s Degree is Required</strong></td>
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<td>BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy &amp; Physiology I (4hrs)</td>
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<td>BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy &amp; Physiology II (4hrs)</td>
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<td>BIOL 2041/2042 Microbiology (4hrs)</td>
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<td>MATH 1680 Elementary Statistics (3hrs)</td>
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<td>CHEM 2370/3210 Organic Chemistry I (4hrs)</td>
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<td>PSYC 1630 General Psychology I (3hrs)</td>
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**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)
  - SOCI 1510 Intro to Sociology
  - Only requires 4hrs of Chemistry

- **Inter服务机构 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)
  - BIOL 3621 Elementary Biochemistry (3hrs) or BIOL 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 following areas: ANTH, PSYC, or SOCI (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

**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.

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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.ttuhsc.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://texasjobsmobility.org/  
http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/home