PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Office of Health Professions, University of North Texas

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
- Global Medical Brigades
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.

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**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.
**Prerequisite Coursework for Texas PA Schools**

*A 'C' or better is required in all coursework*

*A Bachelor's Degree is Required*

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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>
<td>Additional Psychology Elective (3hrs)</td>
<td>Recommended: BIOL 1710/1720/1760</td>
<td>Humanities (6hrs)—Options: Government, History, Foreign Language, Art, Social Science, and Religion</td>
<td>CHEM 280/3220 Organic Chemistry II (4hrs)</td>
<td>BIOL 4201 Immunology (3hrs)</td>
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<td>MATH 1100 College Algebra or higher (3hrs)</td>
<td>BIOL 3621 Principles of Biochemistry (3hrs) or BIOL 4540 Biochemistry I (3hrs)</td>
<td>BIOL 4201 Immunology (3hrs)</td>
<td>Recommended Courses: BIOC 3621 or 4540, BIOL 3510, HLTH 2200, BIOL 4201, BIOL 3500, BIOL 4250, Spanish, MATH 1680</td>
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<td>MATH 1680 Elementary Statistics (3hrs)</td>
<td>Requires BLS (Basic Life Support) Certification</td>
<td>SOCI 1510 Introduction to Sociology</td>
<td>Does not require Statistics and will not satisfy the College Algebra or higher requirement</td>
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**Additional Requirements by School**

**Baylor University**
- BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
- Additional Psychology Elective (3hrs)
- ENGL 1310 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 I (3hrs)
- SOCI 1510 Introduction to Sociology
- Only requires 4hrs of General Chemistry

**Interservice U.S. Army**
- English Writing/Composition (9hrs)
- 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 Principles of Biochemistry (3hrs) or BIOC 4540 Biochemistry I (3hrs) will be accepted in place of Organic Chemistry
- Does not require General Chemistry, but is a prerequisite for Organic Chemistry at UNT
- 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
- 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)
- CHEM 280/3220 Organic Chemistry II (4hrs)
- BIOC 3621 Principles of 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, but is a prerequisite for Organic Chemistry at UNT

**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.
- 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
- Will accept Abnormal Psychology in place of General Psychology

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*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/](https://www.bcm.edu/)

Hardin-Simmons University  
[https://www.hsutx.edu/academics/holland/graduate/physician-assistant/](https://www.hsutx.edu/academics/holland/graduate/physician-assistant/)

Interservice US. Army  

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
[http://www.ttuhsc.edu/](http://www.ttuhsc.edu/)

University of North Texas Health Science Center  
[http://web.unthsc.edu/](http://web.unthsc.edu/)

University of Texas Health Science Center—San Antonio  
[http://www.uthscsa.edu/](http://www.uthscsa.edu/)

University of Texas Medical Branch — Galveston  
[http://www.utmb.edu/](http://www.utmb.edu/)

UT Southwestern Medical Center  
[http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/](http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/)

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
[http://www.utrgv.edu/pa/index.htm](http://www.utrgv.edu/pa/index.htm)

**Student and Professional Associations**

Alpha Epsilon Delta  
[https://unt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/AlphaEpsilonDelta](https://unt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/AlphaEpsilonDelta)

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/UNT Pre-PA Club  
[https://unt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/pre-physician-assistant-club](https://unt.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/pre-physician-assistant-club)

UNT’s Volunteer Organizations  
[http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/](http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/)

Association of Physician Assistant Programs  
[https://www.aapa.org/](https://www.aapa.org/)

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[http://www.nccpa.net/](http://www.nccpa.net/)

Physician Assistant Education Association  

Global Medical Brigades  

**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](http://www.ets.org/gre)

**GRE Prep Materials**  

**Experience and Additional Resources**

**Physician Scribing**  

**Career Exploration**  
[http://texasjobjobs.mobi/](http://texasjobjobs.mobi/)  