

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Offered by Health Science Programs (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/departments-programs/health-science-programs/>)

A candidate for admission to the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center must have successfully completed a Bachelor's Degree and the following required courses. The following courses will also fulfill requirements at Union College in Lincoln, NE. Students should check with other schools to which they intend to apply to ensure that all requirements are fulfilled.

The competition to gain acceptance to a physician assistant program is intense and admission is not guaranteed. Admission to a PA program is based on scholastic record, GRE scores, personal recommendations, an interview with members of the admissions committee, shadowing, exposure to health care, and other extra-curricular activities.

Due to the competitiveness, students pursuing a program of study in pre-physician assistant are expected to choose a major so that they can be working towards a baccalaureate degree concurrently with the pre-physician assistant program. This requires a major/minor combination or a comprehensive major as well as completion of the UNK General Studies requirements (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/general-studies/general-studies-courses/>) and other degree requirements as set forth in the college catalog.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Requirements		
Take all of the following:		
MATH 102	College Algebra ¹	3
PSY 250 or STAT 241	Behavioral Statistics Elementary Statistics	3
BIOL 106	Biology II	4
BIOL 211	Human Microbiology	4
BIOL 225 & BIOL 226	Anatomy and Physiology and Anatomy and Physiology	8
BIOL 325	Medical Terminology	1
CHEM 160 & 160L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Laboratory	4
CHEM 161 & 161L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Laboratory	4
CHEM 250 & 250L	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry and Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry Lab	5
CHEM 351	Biochemistry I	4
ENG 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
ENG 102	Special Topics in Academic Writing and Research	3
PSY 203	General Psychology	3
PSY 230	Human Development	3
PSY 231	Abnormal Behavior and Society	3
Recommended Electives:		
BIOL 360	Genetics	
BIOL 401	Principles of Immunology	

Electives

Select additional electives from the humanities and social sciences in areas such as psychology, sociology, critical reasoning, literature and foreign language. ²

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

Scores from the GRE are required for admission to many physician assistant programs. See advisor for more information.

Total Credit Hours 55

Some physician assistant programs do not require a bachelor's degree for admissions. However, students who are accepted into physician assistant school prior to completing a baccalaureate degree at UNK may be eligible to receive a BS Degree in Applied Health Sciences (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/departments-programs/health-science-programs/applied-health-sciences-bs/>) if they have completed all General Studies requirements (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/general-studies/general-studies-courses/>) and have at least 85 semester credit hours completed in pre-PA studies.

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Students with sufficient preparation may enter the mathematics program at a higher level.

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Other electives, including upper division biology and chemistry courses, are also recommended. See advisor for other suggestions. (Except courses numbered 188 or 388.)

Students should be aware of prerequisites on all courses and plan their coursework accordingly.