



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES ADMISSIONS ADVISING WORKSHEET

Required Prerequisite Courses

Preference given to coursework taken within the last 7 years

Course (UNC & NC Community College* Courses)	Credits Semester	Course Prefix & Number	Grade
Anatomy & Physiology I & II EXSS 155; 175 & EXSS 256; 276 or PHYI 292 OR BIO 252 & BIO 253 OR BIO 168* & BIO 169* OR SOCM Course Completion	6		
Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry CHEM 261 or CHEM 430 OR CHM 251* or CHM 271*	3		
Microbiology BIO 422 or MCRO 251 OR BIO 175* or BIO 275*	3		
Sociology/Psychology PSYC 101 or higher or SOCI 101 or higher OR PSY or SOC prefix course*	3		
Statistics/Biostatistics STOR 151, 155, or PSYC 210 OR BUS 228*, MAT 152*, or PSY 285*	3		
Medical Terminology CLAS 126 OR MED 121* & 122* OR Certification of Completion			

Will my course count? Check out our previously accepted course equivalencies at <http://admissions.unc.edu/credit/credit/transfer-equivalencies/>.

All prerequisite work must be done at a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. The program will not accept transfer credit from other physician assistant programs. Prerequisite courses should have been completed with grades "C" or better. **AP/IB/CLEP credits, PASS/FAIL (with the exception of COVID adjustments), or survey level courses (i.e. Survey of Organic Chemistry) cannot be used to fulfill prerequisite requirements.**

Additionally, work experience may not be used as a substitute for prerequisite course requirements.

GPA Review

Please use this link to calculate your GPA: [GPA Calculator](#)

Cumulative/Overall	
Last 60 Credits	
Prerequisite	

IMPORTANT DATES

CASPA Application Deadline: September 1, 2025

UNC Supplemental Application Deadline: September 8, 2025

Program Matriculation: January 2026

WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE FROM OTHER APPLICANTS?

Healthcare Experience: Needs to be 1,000 hours of paid, direct, hands-on patient care.

- *Certified Nurses' Aide/EMT*
- *Military medic/Corpsman, Surgical Technician, Ophthalmic Technician, Phlebotomist, Athletic Trainer, Physical Therapy Aide, etc.*
- *Still not sure? Ask yourself these questions:*
Did I assess a patient for their current condition?
Did I provide a form of treatment for a patient?
Did I place my hands on the patient to perform or assist in performing a task?

Personal Statement

- *Tell us your story and your why!*
- *Include new information that is not found elsewhere in your application*
- *Once you finish PA school, what are your plans?*
- *Why should we invest in you?*

Letters of Recommendation: Three (3) letters are required.

- *Letters should be written by people you have worked with closely who can attest to your character and patient care skills*
- *Two are required from a healthcare professional, one of which MUST be a PA.*

RESOURCES

- Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant www.arc-pa.org
- American Academy of Physician Assistants www.aapa.org
- Carolina Pre-Physician Assistant Association
<https://heellife.unc.edu/organization/cppaa>
- CASPA <https://caspa.liasoncas.com/>
- NC Community Colleges <https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu>
- Physician Assistant Competencies <https://www.aapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/PA-Competencies-updated.pdf>
- Physician Assistant Education Association www.paeaonline.org
- UNC Physician Assistant Studies
<https://www.med.unc.edu/healthsciences/unc-pa/>
- UNC Veterans Resources <https://dos.unc.edu/carolina-veterans-resource-center/>
- William & Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
<https://fridaycenter.unc.edu/>

ARE YOU READY?

PA School will be unlike any undergraduate program you have ever attended. The level of rigor and intensity of content is compressed into two years to prepare you as a clinician. Applicants should be mentally and physically prepared with strong support systems throughout the duration of the program. All applicants to UNC's Physician Assistant Studies program are required to meet the [Technical Standards](#) outlined on our website.

