

# PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

## Prerequisite Coursework for Texas PA Schools

BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy & Physiology I (4hrs)  
 BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy & Physiology II (4hrs)  
 BIOL 2041/2042 Microbiology (4hrs)\*  
 \*BIOL 1710/1760 is not required by all institutions  
 but is a pre-requisite for microbiology at UNT

MATH 1680 Elementary Statistics (3hrs)  
 CHEM 1410/1430 General Chemistry I (4hrs)  
 CHEM 1420/1440 General Chemistry II (4hrs)  
 CHEM 2370/3210 Organic Chemistry I (4hrs)  
 PSYC 1630 General Psychology I (3hrs)

A 'C' or better is required in all coursework  
 A Bachelor's Degree is Required

## Additional Requirements and Recommendations by School

*\*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.\**

### Baylor University

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 ENGL 1310 College Writing (3hrs)  
 PSYC 1630 or SOCI 1510 accepted  
 BIOL 1500 Medical Term. **Recommended**  
 Does not require General Biology but is a prerequisite for Genetics at UNT  
 AP Credit will not be accepted  
 Requires BLS (Basic Life Support) Certification  
 Does not require the GRE

### Franklin Pierce University

BIOL 1500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)  
 Biochemistry can replace Organic Chemistry  
 -lab not required for either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry  
 Does not require Psychology  
 Does not require the GRE  
 Recommended Courses: PSYC 1630, BIOL 3451, BIOL 3510, BIOL 4201, HMG 1450

### Hardin-Simmons

8 Hours of Additional Biology Coursework  
 Recommended: BIOL 1710/1720/1760  
 ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3hrs)  
 SOCI 1510 Introduction to Sociology OR an additional Psychology course  
 Only requires 4hrs of General Chemistry  
 A&P I & II must be taken at the same institution

### Mary Hardin-Baylor

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 Abnormal or Developmental Psychology can complete the Psychology requirement  
 AP credit not accepted for science prerequisites  
**Program begins in January**  
 Does not require the GRE

### South University Austin

BIOL 1710 General Biology I (3hrs) &  
 BIOL 1720 General Biology II (3hrs)  
 -does not require General Biology lab BIOL 1760 (2hrs) but lab is a prerequisite for Microbiology at UNT  
 BIOC 3621 Principles of Biochemistry (3hrs)  
 -lab not required for either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry  
 Does not require Psychology or Statistics  
**Program begins in January**

### Texas Tech University

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 BIOC 3621/3622 Principles of Biochemistry (4hrs) will be accepted in place of Organic Chemistry  
 Does not require General Chemistry, but is a prerequisite for Organic Chemistry at UNT  
 AP credit not accepted for science prerequisites  
 Recommended Courses:  
 Human Development, BIOL 3510, BIOL 4201, BIOL 1500

### UNT Health Sciences Center

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 Does not require Gen. Chemistry I & II, but is a prerequisite for Organic Chemistry at UNT

### UT San Antonio

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 Abnormal or Developmental Psychology can complete the Psychology requirement

### UT Southwestern

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 Recommended Courses: BIOC 3621 or 4540, BIOL 3510, HLTH 2200, BIOL 4201, BIOL 1500, BIOL 4250, Spanish

### UT Medical Branch

BIOL 2042 Microbiology lab (1hr) must be taken  
 BIOC 3621 Principles of Biochemistry (3hrs)  
 BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 BIOL 1500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)  
 Requires 3hrs from Behavioral Science:  
 PSYC 1630 or SOCI 1510 will count towards this requirement.  
 Requires BLS (Basic Life Support) Certification  
 AP credit not accepted for prerequisites

### 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  
 AP Credit not accepted for science prerequisites

### West Coast University—Richardson

BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)  
 BIOC 3621 Biochemistry (3hrs)  
 Does not require General Psychology  
 Requires BLS (Basic Life Support) Certification  
 AP credit not accepted for prerequisites

Scan the QR code for more information on the Pre-PA Pathway and how to be a competitive applicant for admission.



# Mapping the Pre-Physician Assistant Journey

With the help of your pre-health advisor, use the prerequisite courses listed on the previous page to create an individual plan for your pre-PA ambitions. NOTE: This is **not** an official plan, advising record, or degree audit. Please review the proposed course timeline with your degree plan advisor to ensure you have the correct courses to graduate.

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.

## Need Advising?

To contact your pre-health advisor, please visit:

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