

# 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)**  
**BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)**  
**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.\**

### Austin College—Denison, TX

BIOL 1500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)  
 Will accept General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology (3hrs)  
*AP credit not accepted for science prerequisites*

### Baylor College of Medicine—Houston, TX

ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3hrs)  
 Will accept General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology (3hrs)  
*AP credit not accepted for prerequisites*

### Baylor University—Waco, TX

ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3hrs)  
 Two semesters of Biological Science w/ lab  
 Recommended: BIOL 1710/1720/1760  
 Only requires one semester of General Chemistry  
*AP credit not accepted for prerequisites*

### Franklin Pierce University—Round Rock, TX

BIOL 1500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)  
 Does not require Genetics  
 Biochemistry can replace Organic Chemistry  
 -lab not required for either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry  
 Biological Science w/ lab (4hrs)  
 Recommended Courses: BIOL 3451, BIOL 4201, BIOL 3510, Nutrition

### Hardin-Simmons-Abilene, TX

Two semesters of Biological Science w/ lab  
 Recommended: BIOL 1710/1720/1760  
 ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3hrs)  
 SOCI 1510 Introduction to Sociology OR an additional Psychology course  
 Does not require Genetics  
 Only requires 4hrs of General Chemistry  
 A&P I & II must be taken at the same institution

### Mary Hardin-Baylor—Belton, TX

Abnormal or Developmental Psychology can complete the Psychology requirement  
*AP credit not accepted for prerequisites*  
 Program begins in January

### South University-Austin, TX

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

### Texas Tech University—Midland, TX

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  
 Recommended Courses:  
 Human Development, BIOL 3510, BIOL 4201, BIOL 1500  
*AP credit not accepted for science prerequisites*

### UNT Health Sciences Center—Fort Worth, TX

Does not require Gen. Chemistry I & II, but is a prerequisite for Organic Chemistry at UNT  
 -Requires only 4 hours of Anatomy

### UT San Antonio

Abnormal or Developmental Psychology can complete the Psychology requirement  
*AP credit not accepted for prerequisites*

### UT Southwestern—Dallas, TX

Recommended Courses: BIOC 3621 or 4540, BIOL 3510, HLTH 2200, BIOL 4201, BIOL 1500, BIOL 4250, Spanish

### UT Medical Branch-Galveston, TX

BIOC 3621 Principles of Biochemistry (3hrs)  
 BIOL 1500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)  
 Requires 3hrs from Behavioral Science: PSYC 1630 or SOCI 1510 will count towards this requirement.  
*AP credit not accepted for prerequisites*

### UT Rio Grande Valley-Edinburg, TX

BIOL 1710 General Biology I (3hrs)  
 BIOL 1720 General Biology II (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 prerequisites*

### UT Arlington, Arlington, TX

BIOL 1710 General Biology I (3hrs)  
 BIOL 1720 General Biology II (3hrs)  
 BIOL 1760 Biology Lab (2 hrs)  
 Suggested courses: BIOC 3620, BIOL 1500, BIOL 3510, BIOL 4201, BIOL 4530, Introductory Spanish I and II, PSYC 4470 - Sexual Behavior

### West Coast University—Richardson, TX

BIOC 3621 Biochemistry (3hrs)  
 Does not require General Psychology  
*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 (before applying)**  
GRE Preparation

**Spring Timeline (before applying)**  
GRE Prep/Take Test in March  
Complete Prereqs before Applying

**Summer:** Apply to PA Schools using the CASPA application. CASPA usually opens in late April.

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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