PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Prerequisite Coursework for Texas PA Schools

**Baylor University**
- BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
- ENGL 1310 College Writing (3hrs)
- 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, HMGT 1450

**Hardin-Simmons**
- 8 Hours of Additional Biology Coursework
- Recommended: BIOL 1710/1720/1760
- ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3hrs)
- PSOC 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 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 prerequisite for microbiology at UNT
- A 'C' or better is required in all coursework
- A Bachelor's Degree is Required

**South Texas Medical Center**
- BIOL 2042 Microbiology lab (1hr) must be taken
- 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

**Texas Tech University**
- 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
- BIOL 3621 Principles of Biochemistry (3hrs)
- -lab not required for either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry
- Does not require Psychology or Statistics
- Program begins in January

**UT Medical Branch**
- BIOL 1710 General Biology I (3hrs)
- BIOL 1720 General Biology II (3hrs)
- BIOL 3451 Genetics (3hrs)
- BIOL 1500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)
- 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)
- BIOL 1500 Medical Terminology (2hrs)
- 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

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

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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.*

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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.

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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.

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**Need Advising?**
To contact your pre-health advisor, please visit: [https://cos.unt.edu/advising/contact-your-advisor/health-professions-advisors](https://cos.unt.edu/advising/contact-your-advisor/health-professions-advisors)
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