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Health Sciences
School of Health and
Rehabilitation Sciences

Physician Assistant Studies
Prerequisite Course Requirements Rubric
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- We do not have an expiration date on prerequisite requirements.
- We accept AP (Advanced Placement) and Dual Enrollment credits for prerequisite coursework that appears on a college transcript.
- All prerequisite courses and labs must be completed from an accredited institution (including online). If it is completed from an accredited institution and covers our required key concepts listed below, they should be accepted.
- The same prerequisites are required of all applicants, regardless of degree, school or experience. **Note:** We do not accept upper-level science courses as prerequisite substitutes (e.g. Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Genetics, Neuroscience, etc.)
- If, after you complete the self-assessment, you are still unsure if your coursework meets the prerequisite requirements, you can receive an unofficial evaluation by referring to page 3 to provide a detailed course description for any course(s) in question.
- When completed, email your Rubric to the Pitt PAS enrollment specialist or to one of the following email addresses:
 - On-Campus program inquiries: PittPA@shrs.pitt.edu
 - Hybrid program inquiries: PittPAHybrid@shrs.pitt.edu

Required Courses	Key Concepts Covered	Common Equivalent Course Names <small>(Please note this list is not exhaustive. Courses listed below are just some of the courses that will satisfy our prerequisites.)</small>	Applicant's Equivalent Course <small>List course numbers and titles (and labs, if applicable).</small>
<p>Anatomy with lab and Physiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 semester of Anatomy with lab AND 1 semester of Physiology <u>OR</u> 2 semesters of Anatomy & Physiology combined with lab for each semester 	<p>Anatomy component:</p> <p>The course should cover all aspects of the human body including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper limb • Lower limb • Head & neck • Thorax, abdomen & pelvis • Comparative, Mammalian, and Vertebrate Anatomy courses are not acceptable. 	<p>Anatomy or combined component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Anatomy with lab • Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions • Human Anatomy & Physiology • Human Gross & Micro Anatomy/Physiology 	
	<p>Physiology component:</p> <p>The courses should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • homeostasis, growth, nutrition, reproduction, immune function in humans. 	<p>Anatomy or combined component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Physiology • Physiology • Exercise Physiology 	
<p>Biology with lab designed for science majors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 semesters 	<p>The courses should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology of living organisms with focus on the human • Metabolism • Genetics • Evolution • Ecology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Biology I and II • Principles of Biology I and II • Foundations of Biology I and II • Human Biology I and II 	

<p>Chemistry with lab designed for science majors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 semesters 	<p>The courses should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic chemical and molecular principles • Relationship between matter and energy • Chemical reactions • Chemical bonding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General chemistry I and II • Principles of Chemistry I and II • Foundations of Chemistry I and II 	
<p>Microbiology with lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 semester 	<p>The course should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microbial morphology and physiology • Bacterial metabolism • Microbial genetics • Classification of the microorganisms (bacterial, viral, fungal, and parasitic). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Microbiology • Medical Microbiology • Microbiology for Health Professions • Biology of Microorganisms 	
<p>Medical Terminology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 semester for at least 1 college credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be taken through a regionally accredited institution for academic credit. • Must appear on a final transcript upon completion. • Certificate courses are not acceptable. 		
<p>English Composition/writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 semesters 	<p>Any writing intensive course in which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graded writing assignments are a significant component of the course • Course can be in any subject (history, ethics, gender studies, etc.) so long as graded writing assignments are a significant component of the course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Writing • Composition • Rhetoric and Grammar • Expository Writing • Research Writing • Technical Writing • Thesis or Dissertation 	
<p>Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 semester 	<p>Any Psychology specific course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Psychology • General Psychology • Developmental psychology • Abnormal psychology 	
<p>Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 semester 	<p>The course should cover, in general:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probability • Variables/distribution • Confidence intervals • Group comparisons • Regression • ANOVA and chi-square 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Statistics • Principles of Statistical Reasoning • Elementary Statistics • Biostatistics • Research Methods • Quantitative Methods • Applied Statistics 	

Please utilize this sheet if you are requesting an unofficial evaluation.



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All admissions requirements (including prerequisites courses, degree conferral, patient care experience hours, letters of recommendations, required statements, etc.) must be verified by CASPA no later than the application deadline.

What is the course in question? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include both the course number and title.• Include the Pitt prerequisite course for which you want your course to count.	Course Description <p>Please copy and paste the full course description below for each course in question.</p>