Admission to the School of Physician Assistant Studies is highly competitive. The applicant must complete the prerequisite courses listed below prior to enrollment in the professional program and have a minimum of 1000 hours of experience in direct patient care prior to application to the program. In addition, the PA program utilizes computer-based learning throughout the program; therefore, each student is required to have a laptop computer and possess basic word processing skills.

The Physician Assistant Program Admissions Committee considers the following factors in the selection process:

- Strength and breadth of academic record
- Type and depth of prior health-care experience
- Strength of letters of evaluation
- Content of application forms and care with which they have been completed
- Quality of writing ability as demonstrated by personal narratives
- Understanding of Physician Assistant profession
- Type of community activities
- Demonstration of cultural awareness
- Strength of on-campus personal interview
- Program compatibility

For additional information (other than prerequisites) about the Physician Assistant Program consult, the graduate catalog

Grade Point Averages

The Science BCP (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) GPA as calculated by the Central Application Service for Physician Assistant programs (CASPA) and the last 45 credit GPA must be above a 2.75 to be considered for admissions.

Prerequisite Courses

All prerequisite course work must be completed prior to May 1 of the year of entry, as official final transcripts must be received by that date. A transcript showing a bachelor’s degree needs to be submitted before classes start in late May, with the exception of Bachelor Degree Completion Option students. Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses with a “C” or better. Anatomy and Physiology must be completed within seven (7) years of matriculation into the program.

- Biological Sciences – 11+ semester hours (3 courses*)
  - Human Anatomy (one course with lab)
  - Biol 224 Human Anatomy with lab
Human Physiology (one course with lab) –
Biol 240 Human Physiology with lab
Microbiology or Bacteriology
Biol 308 Microbiology with lab
• Chemistry – 11+ semester hours
  (3 courses*)
  Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry (one of the following courses, no lab)
  Chem 300 Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry with lab
  Chem 400 Advanced Organic Chemistry with lab
  Chem 380 Biochemistry
  Two additional Chemistry courses with lab (may include additional Organic or
  Biochemistry Courses)
  Chem 220 General Chemistry I
  Chem 230 General Chemistry II
    Or any course listed above
• Statistics – 3-4 semester hours (one course)
  Course must be taken in the department of psychology, sociology, statistics or math.
  Math 207 General Elementary Statistics
  Psy 350 Behavioral Statistics
  Soc 301 Social Statistics
• Psychology or Sociology – 4 semester hours (one course)
  Any course in psychology or sociology
  Soc 101 Intro to Sociology
  Psy 150 Intro to Psychology

*Courses taken to fulfill the science prerequisites must be those for science majors.
While not required, to meet the foreign language requirement, Spanish is strongly
encouraged.

Clinical Experience

A minimum of 1,000 hours of direct (hands-on) patient care/health care experience in a
position of responsibility is required of all applicants.

Shadow experience with a Physician Assistant may count towards the requirement, but
cannot be the majority of hours.

The method to document this experience is through the CASPA online application.
Please note: The Admissions Committee will consider the total number of hours
accumulated, "at the time" you submit your CASPA application. No consideration will be
given to hours projected for the future.

If you have questions regarding your hours, please contact Leah Baldwin at
leahbaldwin@pacificu.edu.

Hawaii Outreach Program
Applicable to applicants from Hawaii only

Pacific University has a long standing history with students from Hawaii and would like
to extend that relationship to our School of Physician Assistant Studies. We are
committed to addressing the Physician Assistant workforce issues in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Outreach Program is both an admissions advantage as well as a clinical
rotation advantage. If an applicant meets all minimum criteria required by the School of
Physician Assistant Studies, they will be granted an on campus interview. While this does
not guarantee admission, it is an acknowledgment of our dedication to Hawaiian students
and their needs.

If students from Hawaii are admitted to the program they will complete their didactic
year in Hillsboro, Oregon with the rest of the incoming class. Students in the Hawaii
Outreach Program may be able to complete the majority of their rotations in Hawaii.
Pacific University continually seeks out rotation sites in Hawaii which will provide
students with quality experiences and networking opportunities.

There is no separate application for the Hawaii Outreach Program. Students are initially
identified through their Permanent Address, Current Address, State Residency or State of
Birth on their CASPA application and their stated commitment on the Supplemental
Application to return to Hawaii following graduation to work as a PA. Please contact
Graduate Admissions if you have any questions.

Sample of 4-Year Curriculum of PA Prerequisites
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Note:

Biol 202 is a prerequisite for Biol 204
Biol 204 is a prerequisite for Biol 308
Math 122 is a prerequisite for Math 207 and Chem 220
Math 125 is a prerequisite for Chem 230

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