



Physician Assistant

What is a Physician Assistant? A physician assistant (PA) or physician associate is a healthcare professional who practices medicine as a part of a healthcare team with supervising physicians and other providers.

The median annual PA is \$98,180, however this can vary depending upon specialty, practice setting, geographic location, and years of experience.

A student may elect to major in any chosen field; however, there are certain required courses which a student must complete prior to admission to PA school – see back of handout.

How do I apply? The first opportunity to apply is the summer prior to your senior year for entrance to the summer or fall after you graduate.

- Register for and score competitively on the GRE
- Obtain relevant volunteer experience with a Physician/Physician Assistant
- Complete and submit the application for the school of your choice

Selection Criteria:

- Grades – the average accepted GPR is 3.5. Competitive applicants typically have higher averages.
- Volunteer/Work experience – applicants who gain admission typically have spent time volunteering, working, and/or shadowing in environments that provide exposure to **patient contact** and to the physician assistant career.
- Letters of Recommendations (from professors and practicing physician/physician assistant)
- Interview – these are conducted in the last stages of the application period

Programs in Texas:

- Baylor
- Texas Tech
- University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)
- Hardin-Simmons University (HSU)
- University of North Texas (UNT)
- University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW)
- University of Texas Health Science Center - SA (UTHSC)
- University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

Course Prerequisite for Physician Assistant Programs

Course	Hours	A&M Course Numbers
BIOL	8	BIOL 111 and BIOL 112
CHEM	8	CHEM 101/111 and CHEM 102/112
OCHEM I	4	CHEM 227/237
MBIO	4	BIOL 351 OR VTPB 405
ANAT & PHYS	8	BIOL 319 and BIOL 320 OR VIBS 305* and VTPP 423*
STAT	3	STAT 302 or 303
PSYC	6	PSYC 107 + 3 hours of PSYC OR SOCI
GENE	3	GENE 310, 301, 302, or 320
NUTR/IMMUNO	3	NUTR 202, BIOL 454, or VTPB 409
Upper level Science	3	BIOCHEM, NEURO, IMMUNO, HISTO, or PHARM
Med Term	3	HLTH 354

Please note: All prerequisites and information are subject to change at any time without notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to remain up-to-date on all requirements.

*Not accepted at UTHSC – San Antonio or Baylor

No Texas program will accept online BIOL course credit.

Program Start dates

Program	Starts	Prerequisite deadline
Baylor, Tech, UTMB, HSU	Sum/Sum/Sum/Fall	Prior to starting
UNT	Fall	December 31
UTSW, UTHSC-SA, UTRGV	Sum/Sum/Fall	September 1

- ❖ Tech requires that you not have more than 9 hours of prerequisites in progress at the time of application.
- ❖ UTMB requires that your application be **VERIFIED** by September 1.



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