

Pre-Physician Assistant

Pre-Physician Assistant Advisors:

Arts & Sciences Dean's Office (402-554-2458)

Information:

Pre-physician assistant students must complete a bachelor's degree, as well as the requirements below, before making application to the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Physician Assistant program. When choosing a major to complement the pre-physician assistant curriculum, applicants are encouraged to explore areas of personal interest. This may vary from a thorough investigation of the natural sciences to the social sciences and humanities. In view of the rapidly broadening scope of medicine, a well-rounded education is considered optimum preparation. Union College in Lincoln, NE also has a physician assistant program. Persons interested in this program should contact them at 402.486.2527.

The GRE is required. Minimum cumulative GPA required for application is 3.0.

No grade below "C" will be accepted.

Curriculum:

Biological Sciences (16 credit hours minimum)

BIOL 1450	Biology I	5 credits
BIOL 2440	The Biology of Microorganisms	4 credits
BIOL 2740* or PE 2400	Human Physiology & Anatomy I	4 credits
BIOL 2840 or PE 2500	Human Physiology & Anatomy II	4 credits

*If Biol 2740 is taken, please follow up with Biol 2840. If PE 2400 is taken, please follow up with PE 2500.

In addition to the above courses, the following are also recommended:

BIOL 3240	Introduction to Immunology (strongly rec.)	3 credits
BIOL 3830	Biology of Pathogenic Microorganisms	3 credits

Chemistry (16 credit hours minimum)

CHEM 1180* & 1184	General Chemistry I & Lab	4 credits
CHEM 1190 & 1194	General Chemistry II & Lab	4 credits
Chem 2210 & 2214**	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry & Lab	5 credits
CHEM 3650 & 3654	Fundamentals of Biochemistry & Lab	4 credits

*Requires Math 1320 or placement beyond, OR completion of CHEM 1140 & 1144 w/ C- or better as pre-requisites

**In lieu of Chem 2210-2214, all of Chemistry 2250, 2260 & 2274, can be taken to fulfill UNMC's organic chem requirement

Mathematics (0 credit hours minimum)

MATH 1320	Math is not required by UNMC PA, but MATH 1320 (College Algebra) is a pre-requisite for General Chemistry at UNO	3 credits
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Statistics (3 credit hours minimum)

Choose one:

PSYC 3130	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3 credits
SOC 2130	Basic Statistics	3 credits
STAT 3000	Statistical Methods I	3 credits

English Composition (6 credit hours minimum)

ENGL 1150	English Composition I	3 credits
ENGL 1160 or 1164	English Composition II	3 credits

(Advanced writing composition courses can be substituted, if proficiency is established by examination.)

Psychology (9 credit hours minimum)

PSYC 1010	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 4440	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits

Recommended Psyc Elective:

PSYC 2500	Life Span Psychology	3 credits
OR an upper division psychology course		

It is recommended that additional courses in chemistry, biology, mathematics, and psychology beyond the required minimums be taken, prior to application.

Can Advanced Placement (AP) courses or CLEP examinations fulfill the pre-physician assistant requirements?

For UNMC's Physician Assistant Program:

No courses taken for Advanced Placement or CLEP may count for any of the required pre-physician assistant courses. Courses taken for credit/no credit (pass/fail) also will not be counted toward the required courses for application

Statistical Information:

UNMC's Physician Assistant Program Admission Data:

<u>Applications Filed in 2011</u>	<u>Applications Accepted in 2011</u>	<u>Overall Acceptance Percentage in 2011</u>	<u>Average Cumulative GPA in 2011</u>	<u>Average GRE Scores of Accepted Students in 2010</u>
344	46	13%	3.76	Verbal: 470 Quant: 640 Writing: 4.5