

For KU Lawrence students seeking admission to KUMC:

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PLANNING GUIDE

Pre-Physician Assistant is a track made up of courses required for entry into a Physician Assistant Master's program. Students complete these requirements alongside the bachelor's degree of their choice. The University of Kansas does not have a PA program, but regional schools include Kansas State University, Wichita State University, and the University of Missouri -- Kansas City. The courses below are commonly required for admission, but each program is different -- it's important to check admission requirements for the schools you are applying to.

REQUIREMENTS

*Courses marked with an asterisk have pre-requisites not already listed below.

- Biology w/ lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 150* & BIOL 154
 - Fulfills KU Core Goal 3N
- Biology
 - Options at KU: BIOL 152
- Microbiology w/ lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 200 & BIOL 203 or BIOL 400 & BIOL 402
 - BIOL 200 & BIOL 203 are offered spring semester only.
- Human Anatomy w/ lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 240 & BIOL 241
- Human Physiology w/ lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 246
- Genetics
 - Options at KU: BIOL 350
- Biochemistry
 - Options at KU: BIOL 600
- General Chemistry I
 - Options at KU: CHEM 130*
 - Fulfills KU Core Goal 1.2
- General Chemistry II
 - Options at KU: CHEM 135
- Organic Chemistry I
 - Options at KU: CHEM 330 & CHEM 331
- Statistics
 - Options at KU: MATH 365* or PSYC 210
- Psychology
 - Options at KU: PSYC 104
 - Fulfills KU Core Goal 3S
- Sociology
 - Options at KU: SOC 104 or SOC 160
 - Fulfills KU Core Goal 4.1
- Medical Terminology
 - Options at KU: HEIM 230

IMPORTANT NOTES

- As KU does not have a PA program, students should research and look at admission requirements. It is very important to start looking into PA programs early! The above courses are commonly pre-requisites, but some schools may also require pathophysiology, medical ethics, pharmacology, health policy, and human nutrition.
- Sample sequencing:
 - 1st Fall: Chemistry I, Biology I, and Psychology
 - 1st Spring: Chemistry II, Biology II, Biology lab, and Sociology
 - 2nd Fall: Organic Chemistry I and lab, Human Anatomy lecture
 - 2nd Spring: Human Anatomy lab, Genetics, and Statistics
 - 3rd Fall: Human Physiology, Human Physiology lab, Medical Terminology
 - 3rd Spring: Biochemistry, Microbiology lecture and Microbiology lab
- If you plan to enter a PA program directly after senior year, you should begin the application process the summer between your junior and senior years.
- To apply to most PA programs, complete the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). The application is available starting in April; different programs have different deadlines.
 - Applications include supplemental forms, personal statements, and recommendation letters. Applications require PA shadowing experience and direct patient care.
 - The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required and interviews are typically required.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT A JAA PRE-HEALTH ADVISOR BY EMAILING PREHEALTH@KU.EDU.