

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PLANNING GUIDE

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RECOMMENDATIONS	OPTIONS AT KU	KU CORE	NOTES
Biology w/ lab	BIOL 150* & BIOL 154	3N	
Biology	BIOL 152		
Microbiology w/ lab	BIOL 200 & BIOL 203 or BIOL 400 & BIOL 402		BIOL 200 & BIOL 203 are offered spring semester only.
Human Anatomy w/ lab	BIOL 240 & BIOL 241		
Human Physiology w/ lab	BIOL 246 & BIOL 247		
Genetics	BIOL 350		
Biochemistry	BIOL 600		
General Chemistry I	CHEM 130*	1.2	
General Chemistry II	CHEM 135		
Organic Chemistry I	CHEM 330 & CHEM 331		
Statistics	MATH 365* or PSYC 210		
Psychology	PSYC 104	3S	
Sociology	SOC 104 or SOC 160	4.1	
Medical Terminology	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.

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

Questions? Please contact a JAA Pre-Health Advisor by emailing prehealth@ku.edu.

For KU Lawrence students seeking admission to KUMC:

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