



Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

# Physician Assistant Program

## Degree Prerequisites

A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or Canada prior to matriculation into the program.

## Course Prerequisites

### General Information – All prerequisite coursework must be:

- Completed at a regionally accredited institution in the United States or Canada.
- Completed no later than Fall semester of the year of application (December). Applicants will not be considered for admission if they are taking more than two prerequisite courses during Fall Semester.

## Grade Prerequisites

A cumulative and science grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (4.0 scale).

## Required Courses

Course	Credits
Biology with lab	4 semester hours
Human Anatomy with lab	4 semester hours (comparative anatomy may not be substituted)
Human Physiology with lab	4 semester hours (animal physiology or kinesiology may not be substituted)
Microbiology with lab	3 semester hours
Organic Chemistry with lab	8 semester hours
Biochemistry	3 semester hours
Psychology	3 semester hours
Statistics	3 semester hours
Medical Terminology	1 semester hour

## Test Prerequisites

**Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**  
is required of all *international* applicants for whom English is not their native language but may be waived for applicants with a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited US institution. CWRU code is 1105.

## Standardized Tests

All applicants are required to submit scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the PA-CAT (taken within the past five years). The Case Western Reserve University GRE code is: 1703. Applicants interested in submitting the PA-CAT can designate our school to receive scores.

## Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must provide a minimum of three letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation must be from a healthcare professional who has known the applicant for at least 6 months.

## Pre-Admissions Healthcare Experience

A minimum of 1,000 hours of direct, hands-on, healthcare experience in the United States or Canada must be completed by all applicants prior to application. **Experience can be paid or volunteer, but clinical hours earned toward a degree are not applicable.**

## Experience Types

- Athletic Trainer
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Chiropractic assistant
- Community Health Worker
- Dental assistant
- Dental hygienist
- EMT/Paramedics
- Licensed medical massage therapist
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Tech (either technician or technologist, but must have Direct Patient Care Experience)
- Mental Health aide
- Mental Health Counselor
- Military Corpsman/Medic
- Nurse
- Nutrition/Dietitian
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Aide
- Patient Care Technician (PCT)
- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Tech
- Phlebotomist
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Radiology Technician/Diagnostic Imaging
- Research Assistant (must have direct patient care experience)
- Scribe with Patient care
- Social Worker

## Holistic Application Review

Applicants will also be evaluated on a variety of holistic factors in the admission process.

- Community Service/Volunteerism
- Leadership
- Diversity of life experience
- Success in overcoming adversity
- Emotional intelligence

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Meeting minimal program prerequisites does not guarantee an interview or acceptance to the program. The PA program website is the definitive source of information concerning admission criteria.

For more information please visit:  
[case.edu/medicine/physician-assistant/](http://case.edu/medicine/physician-assistant/)

Contact us if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment to discuss our program:

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