



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. Degrees earned outside the US/Canada must be assessed by World Education Services showing equivalent credits and grades.

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.

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.

*Admissions Standardized Exam Scores (GRE, PA-CAT) are not required in the application

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	3 semester hours (animal physiology or kinesiology may not be substituted)
Microbiology with lab	3 semester hours
Organic Chemistry with lab	4 semester hours
Biochemistry	3 semester hours
Psychology	3 semester hours
Statistics	3 semester hours
Medical Terminology	1 semester hour (or certificate of completion for Medical Terminology)

*A&P can be combined for 7 credits as long as there is a lab

**Online lectures/labs will be accepted

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*

***List is not all-inclusive; Contact paprogram@case.edu with questions.**

- 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/

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

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