

University of Southern Indiana

Pre-Physician Assistant

Entry level for a Physician Assistant is a Master's Degree. PA schools accept students with a Bachelor's degree in any major as long as a student has all prerequisite courses. Admission to PA programs is highly competitive. A minimum 3.0 GPA is typical with the average GPA being higher than 3.0. PA programs are graduate programs so students must take the GRE although the MCAT is acceptable for some programs. Course requirements in common across programs include: **BIOL121/122 and 375/376, CHEM261/262 and 353/354, MATH241, PSY201 and 261 or 322, HP 115.**

Sometimes required coursework must be completed by the time of application although a completed Bachelor's is not required at that time. As little as a few shadowing experiences to as many as 2000 hours of direct patient care experience are required depending on the program; more hours with a PA are better. You must check specific programs for up to date requirements. The following courses are a typical course of study for a **biochemistry** major interested in Physician Assistant school:

<u>Fall Year 1</u>	<u>Spring Year 1</u>
CHEM 261 4	CHEM 262 4
BIOL 141 4	BIOL 151 or 152 3
MATH 230 4	CMST 101/107 3
ENG 101 3	ENG 201 3
<u>UNIV 101 1</u>	<u>MATH 241 3</u>
16	16
<u>Fall Year 2</u>	<u>Spring Year 2</u>
CHEM 353 4	CHEM 354 4
BIOL 151 or 152 3	BIOL 334 3
PHYS 175 4	PHYS 176 4
PSY 201 3	<u>CHEM 321 (or summer) 4</u>
<u>CHEM 218 1</u>	15
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<u>Fall Year 3</u>	<u>Spring Year 3</u>
CHEM 431 4	CHEM 432 4
CHEM 318 (or year 4) 1	CHEM 418 (or year 4) 1
BIOL 333 (BIOL elect) 4	*CHEM 499/BIOL 499 1
PSY 261 or 322 3	BIOL 382 4
<u>BIOL 121 4</u>	<u>BIOL 122 4</u>
16	14
<u>Fall Year 4</u>	<u>Spring Year 4</u>
CHEM 361 4	CHEM Elective 4
CHEM 421 4	BIOL 375/375 5
*CHEM 499/BIOL 499 1	KIN 192 1
Core electives 6	<u>Core Elective x 2 6</u>
<u>HP 115 2</u>	16
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This is a **suggested** sequence of courses. There is some flexibility in this schedule. Courses taken in first year depend on math placement. In order to graduate, you must fulfill 39 credit hours at 300/400 level. *Research courses can be taken in any semester, two are required for the degree

Contact the Chemistry Office (812-465-1701) to be put in touch with a Pre-physician assistant advisor