

HEALTH SCIENCES: PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (BS)

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Program Description

The Pre-Physician Assistant pathway in Health Sciences is designed for highly qualified students who, due to seat limits, are not accepted into the accelerated BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies program. Students can complete the four-year BS in Health Sciences degree following the same curriculum as the Pre-PA pathway and, after completing either Year 3 or Year 4, apply for admission into the graduate Physician Assistant (PA) program at Jefferson East Falls or New Jersey campuses. Students from Jefferson who meet progression criteria are assured an admissions interview for selected reserved seats at the East Falls or Voorhees campus graduate program. All PA prerequisite courses are completed during the undergraduate program. Since this pathway is not completed in an accelerated format, it provides students with more opportunities to incorporate experiences like study away, intercollegiate athletics, and leadership roles in student life into their undergraduate education program.

Progression Criteria

Progression criteria for priority interview consideration includes the following: minimum cumulative and science GPAs of 3.5; minimum 200 hours of direct patient contact, completed CASPA online application (requires personal essay, letters of recommendation).

Curriculum: 4 years, 120 -124 credits

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
FYS 100	Pathways Seminar	1
WRIT 101	Writing Sem I: Written Comm.	3
HSCI 100	Intro to Health Professions	1
AVIS 101	American Visions	3
MATH 102	Pre-Calculus (or higher)	3
CHEM 103 & 103L	Chemistry I and Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 104 & 104L	Chemistry II and Chemistry II Lab	4
BIOL 103 & 103L	Biology I and Biology I Lab	4
BIOL 104 & 104L	Biology II and Biology II Lab	4
WRIT 201	Writing Seminar II: Multi Comm	3
Credits		30

Course	Title	Credits
Second Year		
HSCI 230	Intro to Healthcare	2
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3
GDIV 2XX	Global Diversity	3
ADIV 2XX	American Diversity	3
ETHC 2XX	Ethics	3
PSYC 201	Abnormal Psychology	3
HSCI 3XX	Health Sciences Electives	6
BIOL 201 & 201L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anat & Physiology I Lab	4
BIOL 202 & 202L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II and Human Anat & Physiology II Lab	4
Credits		31
Third Year		
PSYC 213	Developmental Psychology	3
ISEM 3XX	Integrative Seminar	3
BIOL 221 & 221L	Microbiology and Microbiology Lab	4
GCIT 2XX	Global Citizenship	3
HSCI 225	Applied Statistics	3
HSCI 320	Clinical Interactions	3
HSCI 3XX	Health Sciences Elective	3
Select one of the following: ¹		4
BIOL 207 & 207L	Principles of Genetics and Principles of Genetics Lab	
BIOL 256 & 256L	Molecular Genetics and Molecular Genetics Lab	
Science Elective		4
CHEM 201 & 201L	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Lab (Recom) ²	
General Elective		3
Credits		33
Fourth Year		
CGIS 300	Contemporary Global Issues	3
PHIL 499	Philosophies of the Good Life	3
PSYC 2XX	Psychology Electives	6
HSCI 330	Medical Terminology	3
General Elective	consider 4-course minor	15
Credits		30
Total Credits		124

¹ Genetics Lecture/Lab (recom)

² Science Elective CHEM 201 Organic Chemistry I (recom)