

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAMS PREREQUISITE COURSES TIMELINE

This **example timeline** includes the pre-PA course requirements for Texas and most U. S. medical schools.
Please see our website for course numbers.

Some schools require the completion of all prerequisite courses and hours of experience by the application deadline. Many PA programs require the completion of your prerequisite coursework to be completed **IN PERSON, not online.**

For **COURSE OPTIONS & DETAILS** see the **PREREQUISITE COURSES** on the [PRE-PA PATHWAY page](#)

If starting in Freshman Year, you can prepare to apply after Junior Year and start PA school after graduation.

Your personal timeline may differ from this sample.

Work with your academic advisor to incorporate these courses into your personal degree plan.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS MAY REQUIRE OR RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL COURSES NOT INCLUDED HERE.

Review individual school websites and the HPO's online prerequisite courses list to ensure proper courses are being taken.

*****Because the Pre-PA pathway is heavier in BIO/MBS/INB coursework, it is recommended that you take Intro Biology I as soon as possible to stay on track. Principles of Chemistry is flexible since usually only one semester of O Chem is required for most programs. *****

SEMESTER 1

-Intro Biology I
 -Principles of Chemistry I
 -Intro to Chemical Practice I (lab)
 -Rhetoric

SEMESTER 2

-Intro Biology II
 -Principles of Chemistry I
 -Intro to Chemical Practice I (lab)
 -Psychology

Summer

SEMESTER 3

-O Chem I
 -Genetics
 -Biology lab

SEMESTER 4

-Microbiology
 -Microbiology lab
 -O Chem I lab
 -Statistics

Summer

SEMESTER 5

-Anatomy/lab
 -Psychology
 -Medical Terminology
 -Literature

SEMESTER 6

-Physiology
 -Physiology Lab
 GRE (Jan or Feb or earlier)
 Applications open in April

Summer

SEMESTER 7

BLS certification (if required before starting professional school)

SEMESTER 8

Summer