

## 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](#)

### 5 – YEAR PLAN

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  
 -Psychology

#### SEMESTER 2

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

#### Summer

#### SEMESTER 3

-Genetics  
 -Biology lab  
 -Literature

#### SEMESTER 4

-O Chem I  
 -O Chem I lab

#### Summer

#### SEMESTER 5

-Microbiology  
 -Social Science/Psych 3 hrs

#### SEMESTER 6

-Anatomy  
 -Medical Terminology

#### Summer

#### SEMESTER 7

-Physiology  
 -Physiology lab

#### SEMESTER 8

GRE (Jan or Feb or earlier)  
 Applications open in April

#### Summer