

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING CENTER



PRE-PA ADVISING



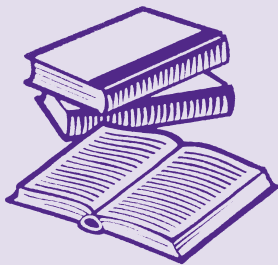
Pre-PA students have at least two academic advisors- an academic major advisor and a pre-PA advisor.

The major advisor's primary goal is to help students understand what they must do to complete the requirements of their major (bachelor's degree).

The pre-professional advisor's primary goal is to help students understand what they must do to become competitive applicants to PA schools.

INFORMATION ON MAJORS

Students interested in a career as a Physician Assistant/Associate will select one of the 250+ majors offered at K-State and declare their pre-PA designation.



While a particular major is not required for application to Physician Assistant/Associate programs, at K-State, the most common majors are:

- **Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Science, Biochemistry, Biology, Integrative Physiology, Kinesiology, Life Sciences, Nutrition and Health, Psychology**

COMMON PREREQUISITE COURSES

HOURS

BIOL 198	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	4
BIOL 441	HUMAN BODY I	4
BIOL 442	HUMAN BODY II	4
OR		
KIN 360	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	8
BIOL 450	MODERN GENETICS	4
BIOL 255	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	4
CHM 210	CHEMISTRY I	4
CHM 230	CHEMISTRY II	4
CHM 350	GENERAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	3
CHM 351	GENERAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LAB	2
CLSCS 105	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY: LATIN & GREEK FOR SCIENTISTS	2
BIOCH 521	BIOCHEMISTRY	3
PSYCH 110	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY**	3
STAT ___	STATISTICS COURSE	3

- Requirements at individual PA schools vary, visit with your health professions advisor for details
- We highly recommend that all pre-requisite courses be taken for a grade
- Some schools require pre-requisite courses to be completed at the undergraduate level
- For information about honors courses please visit: <https://www.k-state.edu/ksuhonors/courses/>

COMMON PA SCHOOLS

K-STATE STUDENTS APPLY TO

Kansas State University

Wichita State University

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Oklahoma City University

University of Nebraska

Creighton University



SOURCE: KSU COLLEGE-TO-CAREER STATISTICS

ADVICE FOR PRE-PA STUDENTS

- Take the highest-level courses available to you, particularly in math and science
- Study to learn, not to memorize; work to develop critical thinking skills and effective study habits
- Learn about your desired health career through shadowing, seeking out a job that is relevant to your desired pre-health profession, or researching the profession thoroughly online
- Volunteer and serve your community
- Broaden your knowledge to develop an appreciation for different ways of thinking and living through reading or interacting with those who have different backgrounds, socioeconomic status or lifestyles

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Pre-Physician Assistant/Associate Club provides an opportunity to meet other pre-PA students and become involved both professionally and socially. The club holds regular meetings that feature guest speakers from professional schools, community service agencies and providers.

Pre-Health Student Ambassadors promote pride in and develop awareness of options within pre-health among prospective students, parents, alumni and the general public. The Ambassadors are a group of undergraduate students who volunteer their time and talents at special K-State events.

Alpha Epsilon Delta is the National Health Preprofessional Honor Society and welcomes all students engaged in the pursuit of a health professional development, provides a forum for students with common interests, and extends a program of service to benefit the college/university community.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

Students must earn a bachelor's degree prior to admission to Physician Assistant/Associate (PA) school.

In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, students must complete the courses required by the PA schools to which they plan to apply.

Some schools may require an interview as part of the application process.

Some schools require completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Most PA programs take 2 years to complete.

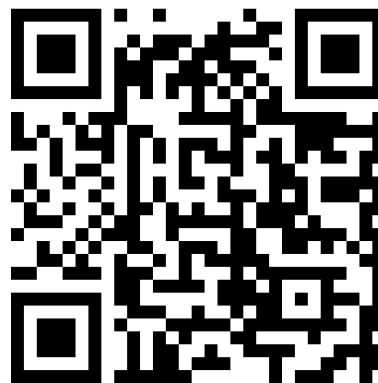
Students who complete PA school will receive a Master of Science in Physician Assistant/Associate studies.

K-STATE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

K-State's Physician Assistant/Associate program follows the traditional medical model of training, providing in-depth analysis of disease processes, diagnoses and treatment and prepares students to serve as national certified and licensed health care providers who work on health care teams with physicians and other providers. The 27-month program consists of three semesters of classroom training, followed by four semesters of clinical rotations. Coursework will be held in new state-of-the-art facilities located in Mary and Carl Ice Hall on the Manhattan campus.



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