

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET 2020-2021

School of Community Medicine, OU-Tulsa

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Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment into the PA program at OU-TU. While pursuing a baccalaureate degree at UCO, the following courses must be completed with a "C" or better to qualify for admission to the PA program.

UCO Courses that Meet Required Courses for OU-TU (check each for specific course prerequisites)

ENG 1113	English Composition
ENG 1213	English Composition and Research
MATH 1513	College Algebra or higher level math classes (i.e. MATH 2153 Bio-Calculus)
PSY 1103	General Psychology
PSY XXXX	Psychology elective, (i.e. PSY 2833 Dev. Psych. or PSY 4753 Abnormal Psych. recommended).
CHEM 1103	General Chemistry I. Concurrent enrollment in CHEM 1112 is required.
CHEM 1112	General Chemistry I Recitation/ Laboratory
CHEM 1223	General Chemistry II. Concurrent enrollment in CHEM 1232 is required.
CHEM 1232	General Chemistry II Recitation/ Laboratory
CHEM 3303	Organic Chemistry I AND CHEM 3312 Organic Chemistry I Lab
OR	CHEM 3403 Biochemistry AND CHEM 3442 Experimental Biochemistry
*BIO 2504	Human Anatomy and Laboratory
+ *BIO 2604	Human Physiology and Laboratory. Concurrent enrollment in BIO 2604L is required.
+ BIO 2604L	Human Physiology Laboratory
BIO 3054	Microbiology for Majors and Laboratory
OR	BIO 2314 Intro to Microbiology and Lab
*6 Credit Hours of Upper Division Biology Courses:	
<i>(Recommended: BIO 3414; BIO 4134; BIO 4414; BIO 4515; BIO 4622; BIO 4763; BIO 4774)</i>	

*The following courses must have been completed within the last seven years of the application deadline.

+OU-TU will accept both BIO 3803 AND 3813 Mammalian Physiology I and II as a substitute for Human Physiology and Lab.

***If you are transferring credits from outside UCO, please discuss those with your academic advisor and the Health Professions Advisor.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

All upper division science prerequisites and Human Anatomy and Physiology must be completed within the last 7 years from matriculation. No more than one science and one non-science prerequisite can be in progress after **December 31st** of year prior to enrollment.

Admission to the program requires completion of prerequisite course work and submission of all application materials. The department admissions committee will review application materials and may require additional information from each applicant. Successful completion of minimum admission requirements does not assure that an interview will be granted. Interview invitations do not insure acceptance to the program. Applicants are considered only for the summer semester, with classes beginning in June. The application deadline is **October 1** for admission to the next class entering the following June. To be considered for admission to the Physician Associate Program an applicant must:

1. Earn a bachelor's degree prior to matriculation
2. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
3. Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending
4. Complete all prerequisite courses listed above with a grade "C" or better. Students may apply with no more than one science and one non-science after **December 31st** of the year prior to enrollment in the program and can demonstrate a plan to complete those courses.
5. Submit a completed CASPA (<https://paeonline.org/caspa/>), an OU PA Supplemental Application form (<https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>), prerequisite form with processing fee, official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended, a resume, and a personal statement on "Why I Wish to Become a Physician Associate". (It is recommended that applicants have health-related experience whereby direct patient contact is emphasized).
6. Although not required for admission, prior healthcare experience is expected. Length and depth of healthcare experience is a selection factor.

Applicants are urged to investigate physician assisting as a career prior to application in such ways as observation or working with a PA during a typical day and investigating advantages and disadvantages of the discipline. Please see the school's website for more detailed information on their selection criteria. The program at OU-Tulsa lasts for 30 months, consisting for fifteen (15) months of didactic training at the OU-Tulsa campus. The remaining 15 months of clinical rotations are performed at hospitals, clinics, and other care centers.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. All applicants must apply through the online application system, CASPA during the application period (**June 1st – October 1st** of the intended entry to the program)
<https://paeaonline.org/caspa/>
2. Applicants must submit an online OU PA Supplemental Application form to the OUHSC Office of Admissions on or before the **October 1st** deadline.
<https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>
3. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be submitted directly to both CASPA and to the OUHSC Office of Admissions. For applicants offered an interview, updates to grades and courses completed after the application deadline must be submitted directly to the OU-TA Physician Assistant Program as courses are completed, and an updated official transcript sent to the OUHSC Office of Admissions.
4. Submit 3 letters of reference directly to CASPA
5. Have taken the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) with scores received to CASPA and the OUHSC Office of Admissions by the **October 1st** deadline. Scores must be current within the last 5 years.
<http://www.ets.org/gre>
6. Foreign coursework must be submitted to the World Education Services for evaluation
<http://www.wes.org/>
7. Completion of a mandatory on-campus interview will be required for those selected for final consideration from the CASPA application pool.
8. Approximately 20 of the most qualified applicants will be invited for a personal interview. Maintaining a high standard of academic excellence, knowledge of the health care system, personal maturity, self-assurance, good interpersonal skills, volunteering in the community, shadowing a PA, and work experience will weigh strongly in the admission decision.

A recently admitted class had the following academic averages: 675 Applied / 28 Admitted / Avg. Overall GPA 3.75 / Avg. Science GPA 3.66 / Last 60 Hours GPA 3.78 / GRE 62nd Percentile

STARTING SALARY: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national median salary for P.A.s is approximately **\$108,000**.

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For PA information for the OU-Tulsa PA Program visit: http://www.ou.edu/content/tulsa/community_medicine/scm-pa-program.html
To apply to OU-Tulsa and other programs, use CASPA: <https://paeaonline.org/caspa/> as well as the OU-Tulsa Application.
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