

Pre-Physician Assistant Checklist

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DATE: _____

THIS CHECKLIST IS AN UNOFFICIAL TOOL FOR PLANNING.

Matriculated students and advisors should consult the Academic Requirements Report in GullNet before and after registering for classes each semester to track academic progress.

Advising for Pre-Health plans is available through the Health Professions Advisory Program (HPAP)..

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REQUIREMENTS

- Preparation for graduate program in this field requires that certain pre-requisite courses be completed and that the applicant take the necessary admissions exam required by the intended graduate school. Note that some graduate programs require the [Graduate Record Examination](#) for admission (GRE).
- "Required" courses listed were required by >75% of schools surveyed.
- "Recommended" courses are suggested for proper preparation for graduate/doctoral programs and were required by >50% of schools surveyed.
- Two majors, Medical Laboratory Science and Respiratory Therapy, have pre-PA tracks. For more information, consult faculty in those majors.
- **You must check the prerequisites of all schools you are considering, as requirements vary.**
- Due to the complexities of preparing for Physician's Assistant programs, students are strongly encouraged to view the "Planning to be a Physician Assistant?" presentation found on the SU Health Professions Advisory Program website: <https://www.salisbury.edu/academic-offices/advising-center/hpap/physician-assistant.aspx>
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 to be considered as a viable candidate for graduate/doctoral programs.
- Suggested direct patient contact hours (i.e., EMT, CNA, Medical Scribe, etc.): 1000 minimum (Note that shadowing and volunteering may not count.) Refer to program of choice for suggested patient contact, shadowing, and volunteer hours required.
- Explore leadership and study abroad opportunities that enhance undergraduate experience.
- Although not required, students are strongly encouraged to participate in a mock-interview with the Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC) (at least one interview) throughout undergraduate career (must maintain 3.25 to be eligible to attend a mock-interview).
- All pre-health students should seek further advisement and guidance provided by Health Professions Advisory Program advisors (HPAP): <https://www.salisbury.edu/academic-offices/advising-center/hpap/>.

YOU MUST HAVE A PRIMARY MAJOR – This curriculum is in addition your major requirements and only pertains to suggested prerequisites for Physicians Assistant programs – NOT your Salisbury University degree.

Course No. & Title	#Credits	Grade	Taken @SU	Term Completed
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Required Courses:

BIOL 211 – Microbiology	4	_____	Y/N	_____
BIOL 215 – Anatomy & Physiology I	4	_____	Y/N	_____
BIOL 216 – Anatomy & Physiology II	4	_____	Y/N	_____

CHEM 121 – General Chemistry I	4	_____	Y/N	_____
CHEM 122 – General Chemistry II	4	_____	Y/N	_____
CHEM 221 – Organic Chemistry I	4	_____	Y/N	_____

MATH 155 – Modern Statistics	3	_____	Y/N	_____
OR				
MATH 216 – Statistical Thinking	4	_____	Y/N	_____

PSYC 101 – General Psychology	4	_____	Y/N	_____
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Recommended Courses:

BIOL 201 – Intro: Molecular & Cell	4	_____	Y/N	_____
BIOL 202 – Intro: Evolution & Eco	4	_____	Y/N	_____
BIOL 354 – Pathophysiology	4	_____	Y/N	_____

OR

HLSC 301 – Patho for Healthcare	4	_____	Y/N	_____
BIOL 350 – Cell Biology	4	_____	Y/N	_____
BIOL 360 – Genetic Analysis	4	_____	Y/N	_____
BIOL 370 – Molecular Genetics	4	_____	Y/N	_____
CHEM 222 – Organic Chemistry II	4	_____	Y/N	_____
CHEM 417 – Biochemistry	4	_____	Y/N	_____
HLSC 201 – Medical Terminology	3	_____	Y/N	_____
MDTC 341 – Clinical Biochemistry*	5	_____	Y/N	_____
PSYC 300 – Developmental Psych	4	_____	Y/N	_____
PSYC 302 – Abnormal Psychology	4	_____	Y/N	_____

*Some schools will accept this course instead of CHEM 417 – be sure to check with your program of choice. Prerequisites: MDTC 300 and 331 or permission of instructor.

Courses to Consider for Medical School:

MATH 198 – Calc for Biology/Science	4	_____	Y/N	_____
OR				

MATH 201 – Calculus I	4	_____	Y/N	_____
PHYS 121 – General Physics I	4	_____	Y/N	_____
PHYS 123 – General Physics II	4	_____	Y/N	_____

OR

PHYS 221 – Physics I	4	_____	Y/N	_____
PHYS 223 – Physics II	4	_____	Y/N	_____
SOCI 101 – Introduction to Sociology	4	_____	Y/N	_____

OR

SOCI 201 – Social Problems	4	_____	Y/N	_____
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