## Prerequisite Courses
**Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies**

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- Human Anatomy and Human Physiology must be completed by December 31st of the year prior to when you plan to enter WesternU.
- All prerequisites must be completed at a regionally accredited U.S. institution (exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis) or its equivalent.
- All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of “C” or better (a grade of “C-” or lower is not acceptable).
- No more than one science and one non-science prerequisite can be in progress after December 31st of the year prior to when you plan to enter WesternU.
- Introductory-level courses in the sciences are not accepted (i.e., courses taken in the sciences for non-science majors).
- All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the spring term of the year you plan to enter WesternU.
- Advanced placement, transfer of credit, CLEP examination, credit/no credit, pass/no pass or credit for experiential learning is not recognized by the program as meeting prerequisites.
- All coursework taken from non-US institutions (including Canada) must be submitted to an approved service for evaluation.
- You are required to list all college coursework (including foreign coursework) on your CASPA application.
- For those entering Fall 2012 and later, labs must be on-campus and/or in class. Online labs will not be accepted to satisfy the prerequisite.
- A baccalaureate degree obtained from an educational institution that confers degrees solely based on acquiring prior community or other college credits (or a majority thereof) may not be accepted.

**College English & English Composition**
- Must be a full-year course sequence.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) courses will not satisfy this prerequisite.
- Must be taken from the English Department. If your school does not have an English Department, we may accept courses from the Humanities or Literature Departments.
- Literature courses may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- Must be taken at a regionally accredited U.S. institution.

**College Algebra**
- Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Geometry or Trigonometry courses may be accepted in place of a College Algebra course.

**Human Anatomy**
- If anatomy and physiology are combined, we will accept a minimum of 5 semester units.
- Must be taken out of the Anatomy & Physiology, Anatomy, Physiology, Biology or Zoology Department.
- Must have been completed no more than seven years prior to the application deadline at WesternU (e.g. 2005 and later for Fall 2013 application cycle).
- Must be satisfactorily completed by December 31st of the year prior to entering WesternU (i.e. December 31, 2012 for the class entering August 2013).
Human Physiology

- If anatomy and physiology are combined, we will accept a minimum of **5 semester units**.
- Must be taken out of the Anatomy & Physiology, Anatomy, Physiology, Biology or Zoology Department.
- Must have been completed no more than seven years prior to the application deadline at WesternU (e.g. 2005 and later for Fall 2013 application cycle)
- Must be satisfactorily completed by December 31st of the year prior to entering WesternU (i.e. December 31, 2012 for the class entering August 2013).

Microbiology

- May not be an introductory course.
- Must have been completed no more than seven years prior to the application deadline at WesternU (e.g. 2005 and later for Fall 2013 application cycle)
- For those entering Fall 2012 and later, labs must be on-campus and/or in class. Online labs will not be accepted to satisfy the prerequisite.

General Chemistry

- Must be a **full year sequence of lecture and lab**.
- **General Chemistry with organic and biochemistry combinations will not satisfy** this prerequisite.
- Must have been completed no more than seven years prior to the application deadline at WesternU (e.g. 2005 and later for Fall 2013 application cycle)
- For those entering Fall 2012 and later, labs must be on-campus and/or in class. Online labs will not be accepted to satisfy the prerequisite.

Genetics

- Lab is not required.
- Must have been completed no more than seven years prior to the application deadline at WesternU (e.g. 2005 and later for Fall 2013 application cycle)

Psychology

- Must be a **general or introductory course**.

Sociology

- Must be a **general or introductory course**.

Humanities

- This may include courses such as art, music, ethics, philosophy, foreign languages and religion.

Statistics

- Preferably taken from the Math or Statistics Department. If taken from another department please contact the Admissions Office.

Admission Requirements - Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

- **Completion of prerequisite courses** as outlined above
- **BA or BS degree** from a regionally accredited U.S. institution. Must be conferred by the spring term of the matriculation year. BS or BA in any subject is acceptable.
- **Minimum overall, science and prerequisite GPAs of 2.70**. GPA must meet minimum requirement at the time of application. Applicant must maintain the minimum required GPAs through matriculation into the program. Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 coursework are not calculated into the minimum GPA requirements prior to interviews. Meeting the minimum GPA requirement does not guarantee the applicant will receive an invitation to interview for the program.
- Demonstrated a history of ongoing **community service** and involvement (clinical experience is not required)
- **Completion of prerequisite courses** as outlined above
- Meet the PA Program’s Personal Competencies for Admission and Matriculation. A candidate for admission to the Physician Assistant Program must have the use of certain sensory and motor functions to permit them to carry out the activities described in the Physician Assistant Program Personal Competencies for Admission and Matriculation.