

**Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies**  
**Undergraduate/Pre-Professional Planner**  
(Updated 6/08)

**Core Requirements**

**Beginning College**

- Core 090 First year Experience (1 credit)
- Core 100 Liberal Arts Seminar

**Effective Writing**

- Core 099 Thinking and Writing (if required)
- Core 110 Effective Writing
- Core 110L Grammar Lab (if required, Pass/Fail) (1 credit)

**Oral Communication**

- Core 115 Effective Oral Communication or Core 116 Argument and Debate

**Civilizations: Historical Perspectives**

- Core 131 or 133

**Foreign Languages & Cultures**

- 14X

**Interdisciplinary courses:** Choose one

- Core 150
- Core 180
- Core 190

**Social Science**

- Core 15X (if you have taken 150 above, you have satisfied this requirement)

**American Studies**

- Core 18X (if you have taken 180 above you have satisfied this requirement)

**Global Studies**

- Core 19X (if you have taken 190 above you have satisfied this requirement)

**Literature:**

- Core 16X

**Arts**

- Core 17X

**Philosophy**

- Core 280 **and**
- Core 28X (Choose 1 other 280 series course)

**Theology (Systematic and Moral) 3 credits each**

- (Systematic) Core 25X
- (Moral) Core 26X

\*\*\*All Core requirements need to be completed before starting the professional phase of the program.\*\*\*

## Major Sequence Requirements

<i>Fall year 1</i>	<i>Spring Year 1</i>
___ <b>Biol 111 &amp; Biol 111L</b> General Biology I (4 Credits) ___ <b>Chem 113 &amp; 113 L</b> General Chemistry (4Credits)  Total Credit load = 15 Credit hours* <i>The remainder of credits to come from core courses.</i>	___ <b>Biol 112 &amp; Biol 112 L</b> General Biology II (4 Credits) ___ <b>Chem 114 &amp; Chem 114 L</b> General Chemistry II (4 Credits) ___ <b>Math 126</b> Intro. To Statistics and Data Analysis (3 Credits) Total Credit load = 17 Credit hours <i>The remainder of credits to come from core courses.</i>
<i>Fall Year 2</i>	<i>Spring Year 2</i>
___ <b>Biol 223 &amp; Biol 223 L</b> Genetics (prerequisite Math 126) (4 Credits) ___ <b>Chem 241 &amp; Chem 241 L</b> Organic Chemistry I (4 Credits)  Total Credit Load = 17 Credit hours <i>The remainder of credits to come from core courses.</i>	___ <b>Biol 224 &amp; Biol 224 L</b> Biochemistry (4 Credits) ___ <b>Biol 214 &amp; Biol 214 L</b> Microbiology for the Health Sciences (4 Credits)  Total Credit Load = 17 Credit hours <i>The remainder of credits to come from core courses.</i>
<i>Fall year 3</i>	<i>Spring Year 3</i>
___ <b>Biol 221 &amp; Biol 221L</b> Anatomy & Physiology I (4 Credits) ___ <b>Biol 326 &amp; Biol 326 L</b> Immunology (4Credits) ___ <b>Neur 211</b> Neuroscience I (3 Credits)  Total Credit load = 17 Credit hours* <i>The remainder of credits to come from core courses.</i>	___ <b>Biol 222 &amp; Biol 222L</b> Anatomy & Physiology II (4 Credits) ___ <b>Biol 341</b> Selected Topics (3 Credits) ___ <b>Neur 342</b> Drugs and Behavior (3 Credits)  Total Credit load = 16 Credit hours <i>The remainder of credits to come from core courses.</i>

**Clinical Experience Hours:** In addition to the formal academic requirements students are required to obtain a minimum of 500 hours of clinical experience. Students are encouraged to start pursuing options early to insure timely completion of all 500 hours by the end of the spring semester of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of pre-professional education. (See Clinical Experience Hours document). Students will be provided a log to record Clinical Experience Hours. This log will be collected in the fall of the Sophomore, and Junior years. It will also be reviewed in May prior to the professional phase.

**Professional phase year 1** (2 Semesters and 6 weeks of summer session course work)

*Didactic phase of the program*

*Upon successful completion of the first 3 years and the first 2 semesters of the professional phase of the PA program, the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Studies is awarded.. Students are now considered graduate level students.*

**Professional phase year 2** (13.5 Months)

*Upon completion of all required clerkships, family practice preceptorship and acceptable completion of the master's project. Students are awarded a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.*

**Students enrolled in the Physician Assistant Major will be advised of and provided with a copy of the “progression criteria”.**

**This “Progression Criteria” along with this document shall serve as guidelines for successful and timely completion of this major.**

It is the student's responsibility to submit the “Request for progression to the Professional Phase” form on or before the last day of classes (not final examinations) of the Spring semester of your second (sophomore) year. The forms should be delivered to PA program secretary.