

# Pre-Child Health Associate/ Physician Assistant

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PRE-CHILD HEALTH ASSOCIATE/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT			
<p><b>Pre-Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant</b></p> <p>Prep is a listing of requisite courses and recommendations needed to be eligible for admission into CU School of Medicine Physician Assistant program. It is <b>not</b> a major or minor. Other schools may have different requirements so students should check admissions requirements for all schools to which they plan on applying. <i>Many courses have prerequisites that fall outside of this list; be sure to check the catalog for course details.</i></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Pass/Fail, AP and IB credit are not accepted to fulfill prerequisite course requirements.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Completion of pre-requisite coursework does not guarantee acceptance into any professional degree.</p>	<b>Requisite Courses</b>		
	BIOL 1300/1310	General Biology: Organismic Biology and Lab	4
	BIOL 1350/1360	General Biology: Introduction to the Cell and Lab	4
	BIOL 3830	Genetics	3
	BIOL 4350*	Human Anatomy	4
	BIOL 4360*	Human Physiology	4
	Statistics	<i>Complete one statistics course from:</i> BIOL 3000, MATH 3100, PSY 2100	3-4
	CHEM 1401/1402	General Chemistry I and Lab	5
	CHEM 1411/1412	General Chemistry II and Lab	5
	<b>Recommended Upper-Division (3000+ Level) Courses</b>		
	BIOL 3020*	Cell Biology	3
	BIOL 3100*	Bacteriology/Mycology	3
	BIOL 3910*	Immunology	3
	BIOL 4211 or 4221*	Biochemistry or Biochemistry I	3
	<b>Recommended Psychology Courses (Complete Two)</b>		
	PSY 1000*	General Psychology	3
	PSY 3060*	Psychology and Health	3
	PSY 3280*	Abnormal Psychology	3
	PSY 3620*	Developmental Psychology	3
	*Courses must have been taken within 5 years of application and matriculation to the CHA/PA program. All Biology and Chemistry courses must be completed prior to application.		

Pre-CHA/PA preparation offered at UCCS prepares students for candidacy into professional programs offered at other facilities. A college program leading to a bachelor's degree is considered by the faculty and the CU School of Medicine's Committee on Admissions to offer the best preparation for a student interested in CHA/PA. Students in the pre-CHA/PA program are advised to choose a major and should plan to graduate with a Bachelor's degree from UCCS.

The CASPA and supplemental application cycle begins in April. Priority application review and interview selection for applicants with all required materials received is September 1. Selections for positions within the class are based upon applicants who appear to the committee to be highly qualified in terms of intellectual and academic achievement, character, motivation, and maturity. For this assessment, college grades and GRE scores are used as well as interviews, essays, and personal recommendations. Interviews are arranged for applicants who have a good chance of being accepted based on the applicant pool each cycle.

#### Additional Resources for Pre-CHA/PA Students:

- Join UCCS's Pre-Health Society, an organization to collaborate and bring together students interested in pursuing careers in health care, by visiting [orgsync.com/72377/chapter](http://orgsync.com/72377/chapter)
- The American Academy of Physician Assistants has many in depth resources available to prospective students: [www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org).
- For more information about CU's School of Medicine CHA/PA Program, requirements for admissions, and contact information, please visit: [www.medschool.ucdenver.edu/paprogram](http://www.medschool.ucdenver.edu/paprogram)