

| PRE-CHILD HEALTH ASSOCIATE/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT | | | |
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| <p>UCCS does not have a physician assistant program. Pre-Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Prep is not a major or minor but a listing of requisite courses and recommendations needed to be eligible for admission into CU School of Medicine’s Physician Assistant program at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO. Other schools may have different requirements so students should check admissions requirements for all schools to which they plan on applying.</p> <p>NOTE: Pass/Fail, AP and IB credit are not accepted to fulfill requisite course requirements, nor are research, independent study or special topics courses.</p> <p>NOTE: Completion of requisite coursework does not guarantee acceptance into any professional degree.</p> | Requisite Courses Needed by Application | | |
| | BIOL 1300/1310 | General Biology: Organismic Biology and Lab | 4 |
| | BIOL 1350/1360 | General Biology: Introduction to the Cell and Lab | 4 |
| | BIOL 3050* | Human Anatomy | 4 |
| | BIOL 3060* | Human Physiology | 4 |
| | CHEM 1401/1402 | General Chemistry I and Lab | 5 |
| | CHEM 1411/1412 | General Chemistry II and Lab | 5 |
| | Requisite Courses Needed by Matriculation | | |
| | BIOL 3830* | Genetics | 3 |
| | Two Psychology Courses | Recommended: PSY 1000, PSY 3280, PSY 3620 | 6 |
| | Statistics Course | Choose from: BIOL 3000, MATH 3100, PSY 2100, HSCI 2060 | 3-4 |
| | Recommended Courses | | |
| | BIOL 2030 | Microbiology | 3 |
| | BIOL 3020 | Cell Biology | 3 |
| | BIOL 3910 | Immunology | 3 |
| | CHEM 4211 | Biochemistry | 3 |
| | *Courses must have been taken within 5 years of application and matriculation to the CHA/PA program. | | |
| Many courses have prerequisites that fall outside of this list; be sure to check the catalog for course details. | | | |
| All requisite coursework should be completed with a grade of “C” or better. A minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.0 is required to be considered for admission. | | | |
| While no minimum number of patient care contact hours is required, it is highly recommended to have some patient care experience 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.

Application for the CU School of Medicine’s Physician Assistant program is available through the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA, www.aapa.org) application service, CASPA. The AAPA application is open beginning in April with submission deadline of September 1. Since application reviews begin in June, early application is strongly encouraged as interviews take place in September and October. Each applicant must complete the Graduate Record Exams (GRE). Once a completed application, including supplemental applications, have been received and reviewed by the Office of Admissions, the applicant may be invited to campus for a formal interview and tour of the school. 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. **Contact the Career Center for more information about any requirements needed to apply to physician assistant programs.**

Additional Resources for Pre-CHA/PA Students:

- UCCS’s Pre-Health Society, orgsync.com/72377/chapter
- The American Academy of Physician Assistants has many in depth resources available to prospective students: www.aapa.org/career-central/.
- 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.