

Lower division requirements for the Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies:

Pacific University requirements	<u>Minimum</u> # of Credits	PCC courses that meet requirements	# of PCC Quarter Credits
Biological Sciences: Must include complete Anatomy & Physiology sequence w/lab, (within 7 years) and Microbiology or Bacteriology (lab not required)	11 semester 17 quarter	BI 231, 232, & 233 Anatomy and Physiology (Must be completed within 7 years of matriculation date) AND BI 234 Microbiology	17
Chemistry: Must include Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry (lab not required) and two additional general chemistry or other chemistry w/labs	11 semester 17 quarter	CH 241 Organic Chemistry <i>or</i> CH 211 Introduction to Biochemistry AND CH 221, 222, & 223 General Chemistry	20
Statistics: Must include a course taken in a department of Psychology, Sociology, Statistics, or Math	3 semester 5 quarter	MTH 243 Statistics	4
Psychology or Sociology: Any course in Psychology or Sociology	3 semester 5 quarter	PSY or SOC classes	8

Additional Requirements or Recommendations:

Recommended course work: Pharmacology, Medical Terminology, Spanish, Abnormal Psychology, Development Psychology, Aging and Disabilities, Public Health, Technical Writing, and Communications.

- Current CPR certification at the time you start the program.
- *Students should have a minimum of 1000 hours of patient contact before applying* (see back page)

All prerequisites and bachelor's degree needs to be completed by May 1st of the year of entry.

This is a Graduate Degree. In addition to the departmental requirements listed above, students must also complete coursework for university admission, general education requirements, and BA/BS requirements. Meet with a PCC Academic Advisor to develop an effective transfer plan that will meet your individual needs.

PCC DEGREE/TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree for Pacific University -This degree will be accepted with some limitations or exceptions. Please contact Pacific University for further information.

Associate of Science (AS) Degree - The courses listed above may be included in the AS degree. The degree does NOT guarantee that students will be accepted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Student should work with an Academic Advisor to plan for transfer to the school and major of their choice.

Transfer without a PCC Degree - Students may elect to earn credits and transfer to a four-year institution without earning a PCC degree. Please meet with an Academic Advisor for an individualized plan of study.

PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.

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Admissions Criteria: Admission is highly selective and enrollment in the PA program is limited to **44** students. To be eligible for admission, students must have earned a bachelor's degree by May 1st of the year of entry.

The Physician Assistant Program Admissions Committee considers the following factors in the selection process:

- Strength and breadth of academic record
- Type and depth of prior health care experience (see below)
- Strength of professional letters of evaluation
- Quality of writing ability as demonstrated by personal narrative
- Understanding of physician assistant profession
- Strength of on-campus personal interview
- Type of community activities
- Content of application forms and care with which they have been completed

Based on the review of the application by the Physician Assistant Admissions Committee, applicants are invited for on-campus personal interviews. The interview is required and is a strong contributing factor in the admission decision. It allows the Admissions Committee to assess essential skills and factors which may not be reflected in the application. In the interview, consideration is given to knowledge of the profession, motivation toward a career as a physician assistant, ability to think clearly and logically, self-confidence, and verbal expression of ideas.

The Pacific University Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program is a 27 month continuous program, beginning in May every year.

Pacific does not require the GRE or the MCAT for admission into the program.

Applications are due September 1. We require the CASPA online application (www.caspaonline.org) and September 15 for the Pacific University Supplemental Application (<http://www.pacificu.edu/admissions/applications/index.cfm>).

Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 1,000 hours of direct clinical patient care experience within a health-care setting. The method to document this experience is through the CASPA online application (www.caspaonline.org). Please note: The Admissions Committee will consider the total number of hours accumulated, "at the time" you submit your CASPA application. No consideration will be given to hours projected for the future. Shadow experience with a Physician Assistant will count towards the requirement, but will not fulfill the requirement completely. Hours earned to obtain a degree or certification may not be counted.

2012 Class Profile

Men	32%	Science GPA	3.58
Women	68%	Applications received	1,000+
Average age	29	Applicants Interviewed	126
Age range	23-50	Incoming Class size	44