

**Minimum Acceptable Courses for the OHSU Physician Assistant Program:**

OHSU Requirements	Course work	PCC Course Equivalents	Qtr. Credits
One year of General or Cell Biology (with lab)	1 year	<b>BI 211, 212, &amp; 213</b> Principles of Biology	15
One year of General or Inorganic Chemistry (with lab)	1 year	<b>CH 221, 222, &amp; 223</b> General Chemistry	15
One year Human Anatomy & Physiology (w/lab) - must be completed within 7 years of PA program matriculation	1 year	<b>BI 231, 232, 233</b> Human Anatomy & Physiology	12
Microbiology (with lab) Will also accept Bacteriology with Lab	1 course	<b>BI 234</b> Microbiology	5
Statistics	1 course	<b>MTH 243</b> Statistics	4
General or Developmental Psychology	1 course	<b>PSY 201A</b> Intro to Psychology <b>or PSY 215</b> Developmental Psychology	4
Minimum 1 year (approx. 2,000 hours) of health care experience required	1 year		

**Highly Recommended Prerequisite Courses:**

Organic Chemistry, Genetics, Pathophysiology, Biochemistry, Other upper division natural science coursework, Other courses which may be beneficial to a future health care provider (epidemiology, medical terminology, etc.)

**Additional Information**

**This is a Graduate/Masters degree program.** A bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited college or university is required prior to enrollment in the Physician Assistant program. No particular major is preferred, but a broad educational background is encouraged. The Program doesn't require the degree to be from a specific major, however most students entering the program have degrees in science including Biology, Chemistry, and General Science. Competitive applicants have also had bachelor's degrees in Psychology, English, History, Art History, etc. In general, applicants with limited science credits will need to obtain them as a post-baccalaureate student. A minimum GPA of 2.8 is required - average GPA of admitted students is 3.5.

In lieu of individual appointments, the PA Program will host several Informational Sessions during the spring and summer months. Dates for Informational Sessions will be posted on the website.

*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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### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program, all applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree prior to the end of fall quarter or semester with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 (average GPA is 3.5). Official test scores for the general GRE are also required

### REQUIRED HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE

A minimum of one year of health care experience in a position of responsibility is expected of all applicants. Preference is given to candidates with health care experience that involves direct (hands-on) patient care. Volunteer work, community service and direct experience working with physician assistants will also be taken into consideration.

### PREREQUISITES - COMPLETED BY THE END OF FALL QUARTER/SEMESTER

- Bachelor's degree, including course work from front side of this sheet.
- Minimum of 40 quarter hour or 30 semester hour credits of natural science coursework appropriate to health science majors
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) - General Test official scores, taken within the past 5 years, no minimum score required.
- Health care experience - Minimum of one year (approx. 2,000 hours accumulated as of the November deadline) in a responsible health care position with preference given to those with health care experience involving direct patient care.
- All non-Canadian international graduates must provide transcripts reflecting one year of full-time study (30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours) at an accredited U.S. college/university. Please see additional requirements (TOEFL, TSE, TWE) below.
- Minimum cumulative overall undergraduate GPA of 2.8 required.

**November 1:** Application deadline. All transcripts and letters of recommendation must be received by CASPA—except for transcripts of courses in progress. GRE must be taken (Institutional Code **4780** ; Department Code **0699**) on or before this date. All prerequisite course work must be completed with a grade C or better by the end of fall quarter/semester (preferably) but required by matriculation. Completing prerequisites prior to application deadline makes for a stronger application. However, the Admissions Committee will consider applicants with prerequisites to be completed prior to matriculation. A personal on-campus interview is required of selected applicants.

### SELECTION PROCESS

The admissions committee will evaluate applicants based on their proven academic competence and potential, their understanding of the PA profession and their commitment to primary care and underserved populations. Personal interviews are offered to the most qualified applicants. The selection process is highly competitive.

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Applicants	726	864	902
Interviews	120+	120+	120+
Selected	38	38	38
Average Age	28.03	26.63	27.3
Average GPA	3.44	3.51	3.51