

Physician Assistant Program: Bachelor of Arts *Science*

Prerequisites

Applicants must have a minimum of:

- 60 semester hours
- GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- A science GPA of 3.0
- Grade of C or better on all prerequisites

The following prerequisites must be completed prior to application deadline. Course numbers listed below refer to UNM courses.

Science and Mathematics:

(These courses preferably taken within the last 7 yrs.)

- General Biology with lab (123 and 124L) 4 cr
- General Chemistry with lab (121L &122L or 131L &132L) 8 cr
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II with lab (237, 247L &238, 248L) 8 cr
- General Psychology (105) 3 cr
- College Algebra (121 or Statistics or Calculus) 3 cr

Communication Skills:

(All English courses must be taken in the U.S.)

- English: Writing or Literature 6 cr

Applicants with a bachelor's degree or graduate degree need only complete the above prerequisite courses.

NM Core Curriculum: Applicants entering UNM without a Bachelors' degree must satisfy UNM Core Curriculum requirements. These requirements include, among others, English 101, a Fine Arts course, a Foreign Language course, two Social Science courses, and two Humanities courses.

Highly Recommended for all Applicants

- Microbiology with lab
- Organic Chemistry with lab
- Biochemistry
- Spanish or Other Regional Language
- Nutrition
- Basic Computer Skills

Clinical / Community Experience

We strongly recommend a minimum of 6 months in direct patient care and/or a significant community or cross cultural health care experience. Applicants should attempt to work with, or shadow a Physician Assistant whenever possible.

Admission to the PA Program

Application for admission is made through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) at www.caspaonline.org. Applicants are encouraged to follow up with CASPA on the status of their application after all materials are in. The UNM PA Program will send out a supplemental application if all requirements are met. A separate application to UNM is required upon acceptance into the program, if not currently enrolled.

Students are admitted once a year with classes beginning in June

Admission to the PA Program is based on evaluation of those applicant qualities and experiences which advance the program's mission. Highest consideration is given to those applicants who:

- are residents of New Mexico
- have an excellent academic record
- demonstrate leadership qualities
- have prior health care experience
- have qualified personal references

**Applications must be received at CASPA
by September 1 of the year you are applying.**

For more information or to sign up for scheduled general information sessions held in New Mexico, please write or call the program office.

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Program Accreditation Status

The UNM Physician Assistant Program has been fully accredited since April of 1999 by the Accreditation Review Commission on the Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA, <http://www.arc-pa.org>).

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