

Physician's Assistant (PA)

University of Tennessee Health Sciences- Memphis

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The PA requires completion of a Baccalaureate degree (e.g., BA or BS) from an accredited college or university, followed by professional school at University of Tennessee Health Science-Memphis or at a physician's assistant program in another state.

Pre-requisites for applying to the UTHS program are:

		Credits
General Chemistry*	CHEM 105 & 115 and 106 & 116	8
Biology*	BISC 160 & 161 and 162 & 163	8
Human Anatomy & Physiology	BISC 206 & 207 or BISC 330 & 331	8
Microbiology	BISC 210 or BISC 333	4
Medical Terminology	ES 396 <u>or</u> CLC 201	3
Psychology/ Sociology	PSY 201 <u>or</u> SOC 101	3
Math	MATH 115 <u>or</u> MATH 121 <u>or</u> MATH 261	3

* Prerequisite score of 25 on Math section of ACT, 580 on Math section of SAT, B min. in Math 125 or higher, or B min. in Chem 101, or B min. in MATH 121 and MATH 123 is necessary.

A minimum of 100 hours of direct (hands-on) patient care experience or shadowing is required before entering the school. The experience is frequently gained through volunteer work. The program considers 300 hours competitive.

APPLYING

When nearing the end of the undergraduate program, students can apply to the PA program in Memphis or other programs around the country. The first PA students are expected to matriculate in Spring 2014 and will be a 24 month program. (Please see disclosure.)

1. Complete an application through the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). Application is due by October 1 of the year preceding admission, which will be in January. The program has rolling admissions, so it is encouraged to apply early. Programs in other states may have slightly different pre-requisites!
2. To be considered at UTHS, students must have earned a minimum 2.75 overall GPA on a 4.0 scale for all courses, including pre-requisites.

3. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. THE GRE must be no more than 5 years old. Combined score of 300 is considered competitive.

For more information about the Doctorate of Physician's Assistant program at UTHS, visit <http://www.uthsc.edu/allied/PA/>

Disclosure: The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Physician Assistant Program has received approval from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and is applying for provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Physician Assistant Program anticipates matriculating its first class in January of 2014, pending ARC-PA provisional accreditation in September of 2013. Provisional accreditation is an accreditation status for a new PA program that has not yet enrolled students, but at the time of its comprehensive accreditation review, has demonstrated its preparedness to initiate a program in accordance with the accreditation Standards. Matriculation of students into the program is contingent upon achieving approval and accreditation with these bodies.

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