Physician’s Assistant (PA) Mississippi College

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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 Mississippi College or at a physician’s assistant program in another state.

Pre-requisites for applying to the MC program are:

Credits

General Chemistry\* CHEM 105 & 115 and 106 & 116 8

Organic Chemistry CHEM 221 & 225 and 222 & 226 8

Human Anatomy & Physiology BISC 206 & 207 or BISC 330 & 331 8

Microbiology BISC 210 or BISC 333 4

Statistics MATH 115 or PSY 202 or EDRS 501 3

## Online or Hybrid courses are not accepted with the exception of the statistics course.

* 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 1000 hours of direct (hands-on) patient care experience** before entering the school. Applicants must provide information on both direct and indirect health care experience, including role or job title, name of institution, name of supervisor, description of tasks, number of hours worked per week, and number of weeks. Can be paid of volunteer experience. Applicants without previous health care experience can gain experience working as a medical or nursing assistant or aide in hospitals, clinics, or private practices.

## APPLYING

When nearing the end of the undergraduate program, students can apply to the PA program in Clinton or other programs around the country. Students can no more than two outstanding courses for their undergraduate degree. The professional PA degree, begins in the summer session each year.

* 1. Complete an application through the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). Application is due by March 1. Programs in other states may have slightly different pre-requisites!
	2. To be considered at MC, students must have earned a minimum 3.00 overall GPA on a 4.0 scale for all courses, including pre-requisites. However, a **GPA of 3.5** is competitive! No grade below C will be accepted on prerequisites. All grades, including repeat courses and failing grades, are used in calculating the GPA (forgiveness policy not used). Students that make low scores on pre-

requisites are encouraged to re-take those courses to demonstrate competency. All pre- requisite courses must be completed no more than 10 years prior to matriculation.

* 1. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Competitive GRE scores are Verbal: 155, Quantitative- 150, and Writing 4.5.
	2. Official transcripts must be submitted through CASPA.
	3. Three reference letters are required. Once reference must be from a clinician with personal knowledge of the applicant.
	4. Documentation of clinical experience must be submitted to CASPA. Must have at least 1000 hours.

For more information about the Doctorate of Physician’s Assistant program at MC, visit

<http://www.mc.edu/academics/departments/pa/>

You are invited to an information session at MC about the PA program.<http://www.mc.edu/academics/departments/pa/admission/>

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