University of Texas – Pan American
Physician Assistant Department Prerequisites

All prerequisites must be completed by the October 1 deadline. Prerequisites taken during the Fall or Spring semesters during or after the October 1 deadline will not be considered for interview or admission. All applicants who are accepted must have a completed Bachelor's degree, its equivalent or a higher degree upon matriculation to the Physician Assistant Department.

Prior studies or degree work, work experience, fluency in Spanish, and residency in the underserved counties of South Texas may be helpful to all applicants. Although the prerequisite coursework may be accomplished at any accredited junior college, four-year college, or university, it is preferred that most, if not all, coursework be completed at a four-year college or university. Additional recommendations include Spanish coursework and medical terminology. A human focus is recommended for Anatomy & Physiology.

Applicants should take some time to read our FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) before applying.

Prerequisite Course List

Science	Semester Credit Hours
General Biology I	3
General Biology II	3
Genetics	3
General Chemistry I	3
General Chemistry II	3
Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry	3
Microbiology	3
Anatomy & Physiology I*	3
Anatomy & Physiology II*	3
Math	
Statistics	3
Humanities	
General Psychology or Abnormal Psychology	3
Total Prerequisite Requirements	33

*Anatomy and Physiology with a HUMAN focus is preferred.

Note: Pass or Credit grades will not be accepted for any science prerequisite course. Credit by examination is accepted for Statistics and Psychology ONLY. All prerequisite science courses must be taken for science majors. Science courses taken for non-science majors and allied health and nursing careers will not be accepted.

Attn: Every applicant must meet ALL prerequisite requirements. No prerequisite course waivers or substitutions will be granted. If admitted, foreign medical graduates and applicants with coursework from other physician assistant programs or other health care professional programs will not be given advanced placement standing for any Physician Assistant Department coursework. All matriculants must complete the entire professional curriculum.