

Entrance requirements for the SIU School of Medicine Physician Assistant program leading to a master's degree and a PA Certificate are listed below. Requirements are similar for other programs. Science majors are preferable, such as Biological Sciences/Biomed Track or Physiology. The GRE or MCAT is required (check with schools).

English	1 semester	ENGL 101
Biological Sciences	1 semester	ZOOL 118 or BIOL 211 (211 for science majors)
Physiology	1 semester	PHSL 310 or higher (must be completed within the last 5 years)
Cadaver Anatomy	1 semester	PHSL 301 (must be completed within the last 5 years)
Microbiology	1 semester	MICR 201 or 301 (301 for science majors)
Chemistry	2 semesters	CHEM 140a, 140b (non-science majors) OR CHEM 200, 201, 202 and 210, 211, 212 (Note: Some schools also require CHEM 340, 442 OR CHEM 350, 351 (6-8 credit hours) *
Mathematics	statistics	QUAN 402, MATH 282, PLB 360, or HCM 365 (Must be completed within the last five years)
Psychology-general	1 semester	PSYC 102
Medical Terminology	1 semester	AH 105
Cardiac Life Support	1 semester	HED 334 (with grade of A or B) or BCLS CPR certification*

Recommended 400 level electives: PHSL 410a, b (4,4) (Mammalian Physiology); PHSL 401a, b (5,5) (Advanced Human Anatomy with Laboratory); MICRO 453, (Immunology Lecture). *Check with schools regarding the chemistry they specifically require; this can vary.

For the SIU SOM PA Program, only grades of C or better are accepted, and the overall cumulative and prerequisite course GPA must be at least a 3.2. (Grades of "C" or below will significantly lower your prerequisite GPA.) Of the above courses, only medical terminology and HED 334/CPR (for Healthcare Providers) may be taken the spring semester prior to summer matriculation. SIU gives preference to students with significant health care experience and strong academic performance. Clinical experience is required, and 2000 hours of direct patient care experience, including paid employment and volunteer work, is not required, but preferred. Credentialed experience as a CNA, EMT, medical scribe, pharmacy technician, etc., is desired. This experience should be *in conjunction* with shadowing a practicing Physician Assistant (physician observation applies as well). Be sure to keep a log of your experience and clinical contact information. Some PA programs in the Midwest are:

1. PA Program, SIU School of Medicine, **Southern Illinois University Carbondale**, <http://www.siu-med.edu/paprogram>
2. PA Program, **Midwestern University**, <https://www.midwestern.edu/programs-and-admission/il-physician-assistant-studies.html>
3. PA Program, **Rosalind Franklin University**, <http://www.rosalindfranklin.edu/Degreeprograms/PhysicianAssistant.aspx>
4. PA Program, **Saint Louis University**, <http://www.slu.edu/physician-assistant/future-students/traditional-admission>
5. PA Program, **Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine**, <http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/pa>

*Pre-Physician Assistant is not a major. The student must also choose a major in which to earn a baccalaureate degree. This major must be declared by the end of the student's first semester. *Certification in CPR can be obtained at a community college or area hospital.*

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