

Prerequisites for Physician Assistant Program at CSS

If you are applying to the Physician Assistant Program and are wondering if your previous coursework will fulfill any of the prerequisite requirements for the Physician Assistant program please review the information provided in these prerequisite guides for answers to those questions. Courses that fulfill the prerequisite requirements for the Physician Assistant program are noted below for each of the Minnesota State Universities.

Please note that labs are preferred in science related courses, when applicable. All prerequisites must have been completed within 10 years from the year of application. All must be completed before entry into the program. Because prerequisite courses establish the framework for the physician assistant program, all prerequisite courses must be completed at an institution of higher learning. Advanced placement courses taken in high school will not be accepted as meeting the prerequisite requirements for application to the Physician Assistant program.

Additional information regarding applying for admission to the program can be found on The College of St. Scholastica website at go.css.edu/p-a.

Applicants are also advised to review Central Application Service for Physician Assistant ([CASPA](#)) application instructions related to The College of St. Scholastica to ensure they meet the current admissions requirements. Applicants must report every college course attempted in the coursework section of the CASPA application, including those courses later repeated for a higher grade. CASPA GPAs include all courses completed with grades and credits, even if they were later repeated for a higher grade.

Minnesota State Universities Courses That Fulfill Prerequisites for PA Program

Bemidji State University

Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2: BIOL 2110 **or** BIOL 3250 and 3260

Microbiology: BIOL 3710 or 3755

Organic Chemistry 1 and 2: CHEM 3311 and 3312

Biochemistry: CHEM 4411

Medical Terminology: BIOL 1300

Statistics: PSY 3401 or STAT 2610 or STAT 3660 or SOC 3001 or STAT 3631 and 3632

Lifespan Development Psychology: PSY 3237

Metro State University

Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2: HBIO 201 and 202 **or** BIOL 321 and 322

Microbiology: BIOL 330 or HBIO 205

Organic Chemistry 1 and 2: CHEM 231 and 332

Biochemistry: CHEM 301

Medical Terminology: none available

Statistics: STAT 201

Lifespan Development Psychology: PSY 301, 302 and 308

Minnesota State University Mankato

Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2: BIOL 220 and 330
Microbiology: BIOL 270 or BIOL 475
Organic Chemistry 1 and 2: CHEM 322 and 324
Biochemistry: CHEM 360 or CHEM 460
Medical Terminology: HLTH 321
Statistics: STAT 154 or MATH/STAT 354 or PSYC 201 or HLTH 475
Lifespan Development Psychology: PSYC 343 or a combination of PSYC 433, 436 and 466

Minnesota State University Moorhead

Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2: BIOL 323 and 349
Microbiology: BIOL 236 or BIOL 350 or BIOL 438
Organic Chemistry 1 and 2: CHEM 350 and 360
Biochemistry: CHEM 400
Medical Terminology: AT 210
Statistics: MATH 232 or MATH 234 or MATH 335 and 336 or PSY 230 or PSY 231 and 232
Lifespan Development Psychology: PSY 202

Southwest Minnesota State University

Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2: BIOL 305 and 306
Microbiology: BIOL 303
Organic Chemistry 1 and 2: CHEM 351 and 352
Biochemistry: CHEM 473
Medical Terminology: BIO 104
Statistics: MATH 200 or PSYC 200 or MATH 430 and 431
Lifespan Development Psychology: PSY 340 or PSY 341 and 343

St. Cloud State University

Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2: BIOL 202 and 204 or BIOL 366 or 477 and BIOL 478
Microbiology: BIOL 206 or BIOL 362 or BIOL 462
Organic Chemistry 1 and 2: CHEM 310 and 311
Biochemistry: CHEM 241 or CHEM 480
Medical Terminology: BIO 266
Statistics: STAT 219 or STAT 239 or PSY 201 or SOC 304
Lifespan Development Psychology: PSY 240

Winona State University

Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2: BIOL 211 and 212 or BIOL 322 and 323
Microbiology: BIOL 209 or BIOL 409
Organic Chemistry 1 and 2: CHEM 350 and 351
Biochemistry: CHEM 375 or CHEM 405 and 407
Medical Terminology: BIOL 171 or BIOL 172 or BIOL 173
Statistics: STAT 110 or STAT 210 or STAT 301 or PSY 231
Lifespan Development Psychology: PSY 250 or PSY 310 and 315 and 324