PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PREREQUISITE GUIDE 2026-27

WOFFORD

Below is a list of the **recommended** coursework for eligibility across all South Carolina PA programs. Prerequisite courses vary from program to program; therefore, this list is intended to be used as a guide to help students start planning their coursework and may not fully encompass all prerequisites at every PA school. It is essential for students to do their own program research early so that they may complete the required courses their prospective programs.

SCIENCE/MATH PREREQUISITES:

Prerequisite	Wofford Course Equivi-lent	Notes
General Biology with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 150 with lab	
Genetics with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 213 with lab	
Chemistry I with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 123 with lab	
Chemistry II with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 124 with lab	
Microbiology with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 324 with lab	
Organic Chemistry I with lab (4 hours)	CHEM 203 with lab	
Human Anatomy with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 440 with lab	
Physiology with lab (4 hours)	BIOL 342 with lab	
Statistics (3 hours)	MATH 140	
Additional Advanced Math (3 hours)		Presbyterian College requires an additional 3 hours of advanced math.
Psychology (4 hours)	PSYC 150 with lab	Some programs may want you to have a specific psychology beyond Introductory Psychology, such as Psychopathology (sometimes referred to as Abnormal Psychology) or Developmental Psychology. Make sure to verify with individual programs.
Medical Terminology (1 hour)		Not currently offered at Wofford, so students will need to take the course through another institution.
Other courses to consider that may be required by out-of-state programs: Organic Chemistry II with lab and Biochemistry	CHEM 204 with lab, BIOL 433 or CHEM 309 with lab	Organic Chemistry I with lab will allow students to be eligible to apply to all S.C. PA schools. MUSC and Presbyterian allow applicants to have Organic Chemistry I with lab or Biochemistry; however, Presbyterian requires a lab with Biochemistry. Many out-of-state programs require Biochemistry. Verify with programs of interest early.

GRADES: It is important to perform strongly in these prerequisite courses. Programs often have a minimum grade requirement for all prerequisite coursework. Students should strive for higher than the minimum grade requirement to be a competitive applicant.

COURSE EXPIRATION DATES: Some schools have expiration dates on prerequisite coursework. Make sure that your courses meet the expiration date requirements for your prospective programs.

ONLINE COURSES: Students are encouraged to take science prerequisite courses and labs in person, as some programs may not accept online sciences/labs.

AP CREDIT: Not all PA schools accept AP credit. Students should verify with prospective schools.

STUDY ABROAD: Students are encouraged to study abroad during their four years at Wofford. Several programs offer valuable experiences that align well with the interests and goals of pre-health students. If you have questions about which programs may be a good fit for your pre-health pathway or how to incorporate study abroad into your academic plan, you can make an appointment with the Office of International Programs for guidance and support.

Below are the Wofford sequences and a suggested timeline for students to complete the recommended coursework if their goal is to attend PA school immediately after graduating from Wofford:

BIOL 150 W/ LAB ⟶ BIOL 213 + LAB ⟶ BIOL 215

Complete sequence by the end of sophomore year

Note: BIOL 215 is not a prerequisite for PA school but is a prerequisite for BIOL 324, 342 and 440 at Wofford.

CHEM 123 W/ LAB ⟶ CHEM 124 W/ LAB ⟶ CHEM 203 W/ LAB

Complete sequence by the end of sophomore year.

BIOL 324 W/ LAB, BIOL 342 W/ LAB, BIOL 440 W/ LAB

Begin junior year

PSYC 150 W/ LAB (OR OTHER PSYCHOLOGY COURSE), MATH 140

Complete by junior year

Note: Every student has a different timeline and academic path. There is no one size fits all plan. PA programs require a significant amount of patient care hours to be a competitive applicant. These prerequisite courses as well as obtaining patient care hours are difficult and very time-consuming. Many students choose to take at least one gap year before starting PA school so that they can be successful in their academics while also obtaining their patient care hours and other experiences to make themselves a well-rounded, competitive applicant. For questions about planning their courses, students can contact the **pre-health advisor** Mary Katherine Bradley in the Office of Academic Advising to discuss their personal academic plan: bradleymk@wofford.edu.

PA SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THEIR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Charleston Southern University

Medical University of South Carolina

North Greenville University

Presbyterian College

University of South Carolina

For more PA programs, visit the PA Education Association's (PAEA) program directory.