

<p align="center">Medical Professions Institute: PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) TRACK <i>*This is only a guide, research PA schools before applying*</i> Group pre-health information sessions to be announced. Additional information available through email, at discretion of the Director.</p>				
	0 – 30 hours	31 – 60 hours	61 – 90 hours	91 – 120+ hours
Most Common Pre-reqs Taken By UTEP Students To Apply to Texas PA Programs	<p>Refer to Physician Assistant Programs in Texas Pre-requisite Table (2nd page) for Pre-requisites to Texas PA programs. There is some difference between programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended to have pre-requisites completed prior to submission of application. If planning to apply to multiple PA programs ensure that you meet all pre-requisites and requirements. 			
Academic Advising	<p>Prior to 60 hrs students should seek out advising from College of Science CORE (COS-CORE) for Biology Majors and departmental advisors for other majors. All students are welcome to attend group information sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: Can use Khan Academy to supplement studying for classes: https://www.khanacademy.org/ 		<p>All students are welcome to attend group information sessions. Students must meet minimum GPA 3.0 and >60 hrs to meet one-on-one with Ms. Rosado</p>	<p>Ms. Rosado will advise students going through application cycle. Students must meet a minimum GPA of 3.25 for MPI application support. To clear for graduation students will need to see the COS-CORE.</p>
GRE Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarize with what the GRE is, subject areas, test dates, and how to prepare for the test: https://www.ets.org/gre 		<p>Intensive GRE Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam will consist of (1) Analytical Writing, (2) Verbal Reasoning, and (3) Quantitative Reasoning sections. No subject specific exams required for Texas veterinary program. Practice exams are <u>critical</u> – become familiar with the exam itself as much as the content! Can self-study or purchase GRE prep course. Keep in mind courses can be expensive, start saving money if plan on taking a course. Highly recommended: Plan on taking the GRE before May, to ensure an early application submission. (See <i>Application Process</i> below.) 	
Student Organizations and Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Professions Organization (MPO) - UTEP: Volunteer/Community service, ability to become a leader within the organization. For further information and meeting times: https://sites.google.com/view/mpocentral Global Medical Brigades – UTEP: for more information visit website → https://sites.google.com/view/gmbatutep/home?authuser=0 Other organizations on campus: Search UTEP Mine Tracker- https://minetracker.utep.edu/organizations American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA): What is a PA? https://www.aapa.org/what-is-a-pa/ Texas Academy of Physician Assistants (TAPA): https://www.tapa.org/amsimis/ (see Pre-PA info and Texas PA program link) Attend TAPA conferences that offer Pre-PA track. 			
Activities for UTEP EDGE	<p>First-Year Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish successful study practices. <i>Want to maintain GPA as high as possible.</i> Start seeking out shadowing, volunteer opportunities, and student organizations Write down goals for each semester. Update resume/CV every semester Ensure develop relationships with faculty and mentors throughout college 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shadowing: <i>Strongly</i> recommended. Required by some programs. Understand profession. Can seek through student organization, family PA, or by reaching out to a private medical office professionally with resume and future plans. Scribing: Job in healthcare: Accurately record provider and patient visit into electronic medical record during visit. To learn more search possible company websites: ProScribe, etc.. <p><u>Strongly recommended to get “hands-on” health care experience: some programs accept scribing. Some programs require “hands-on” health care experience. Check each program for what qualifies as “hands-on” health care experience.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentorship: Seek out students accepted and/or current applicants for advice. Mentor others. Mock Interviews: Workshops through MPI at certain times of year, <i>priority system in place.</i> UTEP University Career Center offers any time of year, must contact them with time. Research: Can help with critical thinking and learning how research and medicine work together. Can seek out faculty on your own or visit http://couri.utep.edu for opportunities Summer Internships: PA or research. For health professions: http://www.shpep.org/about/. Search schools you would like to apply to for PA school and search for summer internships. Applications typically open in fall. Leadership, volunteering, and other skill developing experiences that shows schools who you are as an applicant 	
Application Process (Almost year long process)	<p>Become acquainted with the application system, covers all schools: CASPA (https://caspa.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login)</p>		<p>Identify PA schools of interest, eligibility requirements, length of program, and start dates can vary.</p>	<p>Early preparation of personal statements and collection of recommendation letters is strongly encouraged. Recommended to submit applications early, May-June – especially for Texas programs. If you apply the summer of your Junior year and are accepted you would start PA school the following year.</p>

Common UTEP Courses for Biomedical Degree for Texas Physician Assistant Program Pre-requisites



UTEP

Course Numbers

	Baylor College of Medicine	Hardin-Simmons	Texas Tech University	University of North Texas	UT HSC San Antonio	UT Medical Branch (UTMB)	UT Southwestern	UT Rio Grande Valley
BIOL 1305/1107	◆	x	◆	◆	x	x	◆	x
BIOL 1306/1108		x			x	x		x
BIOL 2311/2111	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
BIOL 2313/2113	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
BIOL 3320	x		x	☞	x		x	x
BIOL 3314/3115				☞			*	
MICR 2340/2141	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
MICR 4351						x		
MICR 4353/4154							*	
ZOOL 4380 or BIOL 4388								
ZOOL 4181								
CHEM 1305/1105	x	◆	◆	◆	◆	x	x	x
CHEM 1306/1106	x	◆	◆	◆	◆	x	x	x
CHEM 2324/2124	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
CHEM 2325/2125					x			
CHEM 3330					x		*	
PHYS 1403								
PHYS 1404								
College Algebra or higher				x			x	
STAT 2480	x	x	x	x	x	x	*	x
PSYC 1301	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Additional PSYC Elective	x			☞		x	*	
SOCI 1301		x		☞				
RWS 1301	x	x						
CLSC 3150						x	*	

For UTMB: Can take either Immunology or Virology for pre-req

* The above list takes most UTEP course prerequisites into account.

Legend: x - Requirement, ◆ - UTEP Prerequisite, ☞ - Potential Requirement, * - Highly Recommended.

☞-UNT has options for certain pre-req groups. Need to check website to ensure covering pre-req for each group. Other options available on website.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:

P.A. shadowing experience is either required or highly recommended by all programs.

"Hands-on" health care experience is either required or highly recommended; some may count scribing.

Note: This is only a guideline. Ensure to check school websites for any updates and other classes they may accept for pre-reqs or any changes they may have to their prerequisites and requirements.(Ex: other statistics courses may be accepted)

Additional information: https://www.tapa.org/AMSIMIS/TAPA/Student_Center/Texas_PA_Programs.aspx