

## Presbyterian College Physician Assistant Program Prerequisite Requirement Checklist

PCPA Requirements	Minimum	Your Status
Healthcare Experience Hours	200 hours* in the past 5 years	
<b><i>Highly Competitive Healthcare Hours Category**</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN)</li> <li>• surgical or radiology technician</li> <li>• hospital technician (nursing, emergency room, behavioral health, dialysis) or inpatient certified nursing assistant (CNA) positions</li> <li>• emergency medical technician (EMT) or paramedic</li> <li>• medical assistant with hands on patient care responsibilities (inpatient or outpatient)</li> <li>• medic or medical corpsman</li> <li>• clinical nutritionist or dietician</li> <li>• respiratory therapist</li> </ul>	<b><i>Accepted Healthcare Hours Category**</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lab assistant/phlebotomist</li> <li>• health care-related technician or other outpatient/nursing home technician positions</li> <li>• pharmacy technician</li> <li>• community health worker</li> <li>• physical therapy aide</li> <li>• medical technologist</li> <li>• scribe</li> <li>• clinical research assistant (with direct patient interactions)</li> <li>• athletic trainer (or assistant)</li> </ul>	
PA Shadowing Hours in inpatient, outpatient, and/or telemedicine setting in the last 5 years (virtual hours not accepted)	50 hours in the past 5 years	
Volunteer Hours	None required but highly recommended	
Letter of Recommendation (1)	A person holding the PA-C, MD, or DO designation who holds a current license to practice under that designation.	
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Letter of Recommendation (1)	A reference of your choice of someone who has knowledge of your work ethic, academic record, volunteer work or other activities and can comment on your ability to succeed in the physician assistant program.	

\*Please note that although we require 200 hours of healthcare experience, competitive applicants often have over 1,000+ hours of healthcare experience that includes direct patient contact upon acceptance to the PA program. Healthcare experience must include applicant participation in the delivery of healthcare in a clinical environment and shadow hours will not be accepted to fulfill this requirement.

\*\*This is not a comprehensive list of healthcare experience options, and other experiences may be considered. Please make sure to include detailed information about your duties (paid or unpaid) in your CASPA description, as the admissions team will assess these during the application review process.

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PCPA GPA and Testing Requirements	Minimum	Your Score
Overall GPA	3.2	
Science GPA	3.2	
Graduate Record Exam (GRE) in the last 5 years	None	

PCPA Prerequisite Requirements <i>*Completed within 7 years of application*</i>	Your Course Name and Number	Date Completed	Minimum Grade	Your Grade	Credits Required	Your Credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology I lecture and lab			B-		4SH, 5QH	
			B-			
Human Anatomy and Physiology II lecture and lab			B-		4SH, 5QH	
			B-			
Organic Chemistry lecture and lab <b>*OR*</b> Biochemistry lecture and lab			C- (Organic) B- (Biochem)		4SH, 5QH	
			C- (Organic) B- (Biochem)		4SH, 5QH	
Psychology			B-		3SH, 4QH	
Microbiology lecture and lab			B-		4SH, 5QH	
			B-			
Genetics ( <i>lab optional</i> )			B-		3SH, 4QH	

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General Chemistry I lecture and lab			B-		4SH, 5QH	
			B-			
General Chemistry II lecture and lab			B-		4SH, 5QH	
			B-			
Mammalian, Cell, or Human Biology I lecture and lab			B-		4SH, 5QH	
			B-			
Mammalian, Cell, or Human Biology II lecture and lab			B-		4SH, 5QH	
			B-			

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English ( <i>fulfilled by 2 classes to meet 6SH, 8QH</i> )			B-		3SH, 4QH	
			B-		3SH, 4QH	
Statistics, Algebra, Calculus, Finite Math, or other Advanced Math ( <i>fulfilled by 2 classes to meet 6SH, 8QH</i> )			B-		3SH, 4QH	
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Humanities and/or Social Science ( <i>fulfilled by 2 classes to meet 6SH, 8QH</i> )			B-		3SH, 4QH	
			B-		3SH, 4QH	
Medical Terminology			B-		1SH, 1.5QH	