PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The pre-physician assistant program at Ball State University prepares students to enter Master's level programs for training in careers as Physician Assistants. The program described below is based on pre-requisites for the PA Master's programs at the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne and Butler University in Indianapolis. These are the two Physician Assistant programs that are available in Indiana. The Butler University program consists of at least 2 years of pre-professional course pre-requisites followed by 3 years of professional Physician Assistant course work and clinical rotations. The St. Francis University program requires the completion of a Bachelor's degree prior to application to the 27 month Master's program. The following is a list of courses that should be completed at Ball State to meet the prerequisites for admission to these schools. If you plan to apply to a school outside of Indiana be sure to check the prerequisites early. Since pre-PA is only a program at Ball State, in order to earn a Bachelor's degree a major must be declared.

Content Area	BSU Course Number	# Semesters	#credit hrs.
General Biology	Bio 111 and (✓)112	2	8
Microbiology	Bio 313	1	4
Anatomy	Anat 201	1	3
Physiology	Physl 215	1	5
General Chemistry	Chem 111 and 112	2	8
Organic Chemistry	Chem (✓)231/(**)234 and (✓)232/(**)235	2	8
✓Biochemistry	Chem 360	1	4
*Math through Calculus	Maths 161 or (**) Math 165	1 or more	3
Psychology	Psysc 100 and (✓)1 other course (Psysc 367, 301, 316 or 412)	2	6
**Physics	Physics 110	1	4

* Other Math courses may be required prior to Calculus depending on placement.
* * Courses required by the Butler Program only.
✓ Courses required for St. Francis Program only

For students entering the Butler program without a Bachelor's degree, Butler requires core curriculum electives in English (2 semesters, Eng 103 and 205), Humanities (1 semester, Hist 201, 202 or CC 205)), Fine arts (1 semester, AHS 100, Muhis 100 or Theat 100), Speech (1 semester, Comm 210), PEFWL (2 semester hours) and 2 courses on change and tradition (Hist 150 and Hist 152 or Anth 101).

The University of St. Francis requires that applicants submit scores from the GRE or the MCAT exam. Butler does not require an admission test. For both programs, paid health care experience is required. Both programs use the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) system (www.caspaonline.org.) The deadline for applying through CASPA to the Indiana schools is December 1.

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