

**PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**  
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The majority of physician assistant programs grant a master's degree although there are still certificate and bachelor's degree programs. About three-fourths of all students entering a physician assistant program have already completed a bachelor's degree. No particular major is required, but a strong science background is desirable and certain prerequisite courses must be completed. Although the courses listed below are a good basis for many physician assistant programs, students should research the schools to which they intend to apply to be sure that they complete all requirements. Harding University's Physician Assistant Program is a master's level program and requires a bachelor's degree for admission. Prerequisites for Harding's program are listed below in bold type. Additional information regarding Harding's program can be found at [www.harding.edu/paprogram](http://www.harding.edu/paprogram). The Physician Assistant Education Association maintains a Web site at [www.apap.org](http://www.apap.org) which includes links to all accredited Physician Assistant Programs.

<b>First Year</b>	<b>Sem. Hrs. (Fall, Spring)</b>
* <b>CHEM 121</b> , 122 and <b>215/216</b>	4,8
* <b>Math 151</b> , 171, or 201, <b>PSY 201</b>	3-5,3
<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Sem. Hrs. (Fall, Spring)</b>
<b>BIOL 249</b> , <b>253</b>	4,4
<b>PSY 240</b> , <b>BIOL 271</b>	3,3
<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Sem. Hrs. (Fall, Spring)</b>
**Further Requirements or Electives	3-8,3-8

\*Students inadequately prepared for MATH 151 or CHEM 121 must first take leveling courses.

\*\*Some suggested electives are BIOL 254, 259, 315, 425, 471; CHEM 324; PSY 325, 382; FCS 331, 461; SOC 203, 345

**Biol 249 A&P I**

**Biol 253 A&P II**

**Biol 271 Microbiology**

Biol 254 Biostatistics

Biol 259 Cell Biology

Biol 315 Genetics

Biol 425 Molecular and Cellular Biology

Biol 471 Immunology

FCS 331 Nutrition

FCS 461 Medical terminology

**Chem 121 College Chemistry**

Chem122 College Chemistry

**Chem 215/216 Organic and Biological Chemistry**

Chem 324 Biochemistry I

**Psy 201 General psychology**

Psy 240 Developmental Psychology

Psy 325 Statistics

Psy 382 Abnormal Psychology

Soc 203 General Sociology

Soc 345 Gerontology