

### Prerequisite Guidelines

- All prerequisite courses must be completed at the pre-medical or pre-health science level at a Regionally Accredited U. S. institution.
- At the time of CASPA application, candidates may have 1-2 outstanding prerequisite courses. Courses that are "in progress" at the time of CASPA application are considered outstanding.
- Outstanding prerequisite courses must be completed, in progress of, or registered for by the time of interview scheduling (August). Failure to meet this requirement will result in closure of the CASPA application.
- No candidate will be eligible for matriculation unless all prerequisite coursework is complete by December 31.
- Candidates must provide an updated transcript and/or proof of course registration to the OHIO PA Program upon request. Candidates must also update CASPA as outstanding prerequisite courses are completed.
- Human Anatomy (lecture and lab) and Human Physiology prerequisite courses must be taken within 5 years of matriculation.
- All other science prerequisite courses, medical terminology and statistics must be taken within 10 years of matriculation.
- General Psychology, Abnormal/Developmental Psychology and College Algebra have no expiration date.
- No work/life, CLEP, technical, or vocational skill credit will be accepted in place of prerequisite courses.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Credits may be accepted if taken within 10 years of matriculation and coursework is reported individually on official college transcripts.
- Math and Science prerequisite courses are used to calculate the math/science GPA requirement. General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology and Medical Terminology are not included in this calculation. Math/Science GPA must be a minimum of 3.0 to apply.
- If a prerequisite course is repeated, the most recent grade will be considered.
- Alternative grades such as Pass or Satisfactory will be subject to further review. If given the option, applicants should elect to keep the standard letter grade for the course in progress. If an alternative (pass/satisfactory) grade is elected, a formal letter from the graduating institution verifying that a C or higher was earned in the course, will be required during the admissions process. OHIO's PA program reserves the right to decline coursework with alternative grades.

### Prerequisite Courses / Equivalent

#### **Human Anatomy w/lab: 4 credits**

Course must be human anatomy. Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2 combination courses are accepted. Both courses must be taken to get full anatomy exposure. Second course would apply to Human Physiology requirement.

#### **Human Physiology w/lab or without lab: 3-4 credits**

Course must be human physiology. Lab course preferred. Human physiology without a lab is accepted. Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 combination courses are accepted.

#### **Biology I and II with labs: 8 credits**

Cellular Biology, Molecular Biology, Ecology, Molecules and Cells, Genetics. Course must contain a laboratory.

**Microbiology w/lab: 3-4 credits**

Immunology, Micro-Organisms. Course must contain a laboratory

**Chemistry I and II with labs: 8 credits**

Survey of Chemistry must be at the pre-medical or pre-health sciences level. Acceptable courses: Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry II, Physical Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Medical Chemistry. Course must contain a laboratory.

**Organic Chemistry w/ lab: 4 credits**

Organic Chemistry I or II. Must contain laboratory or must take lab separately.

**Biochemistry: 3-4 credits**

Biochemistry, Biological Chemistry, Biomolecules, Metabolism, Nutritional Chemistry. Laboratory is not required.

**Statistics: 3-4 credits**

Intro to Statistics, Biostatistics, Stats for the Behavioral Sciences, Biometry, Quantitative Methods in Psychology.

**College Algebra (or higher): 3-4 credits**

Trigonometry, College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

**General Psychology: 3-4 credits**

General Psychology, Introduction to Psychology.

**Developmental / Abnormal Psych: 3-4 credits**

Abnormal Psychology, Child Development, Adolescent Development, Lifespan Development, Human Growth and Development, Physiological Psychology, Neuropsychology.

**Medical Terminology: 2 credits**

Medical Terminology, Advanced Medical Terminology. Certificate courses are not accepted.

*For approval for courses not listed, please email the following to the Director of Admissions & Recruitment, Denielle Vazquez, vazquezd@ohio.edu:*

- *Course name*
- *Course number*
- *Published course description*
- *Number of credit hours*
- *Name of the offering institution*