

## Pre-Physician Associate at OUHSC in OKC

It should be emphasized that “Pre-Physician Associate” is NOT a major. It simply means that the student is meeting requirements for transferring. Academic requirements for transferring vary by institution. To be eligible for transferring, you are advised to complete the following courses.

<b>Enrollment Abbreviation</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Completed</b>
ENGL 1113	Freshman Composition I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENGL 1213	Freshman Composition II	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIST 1483 or 1493	American History	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
POLS 1113	American Federal Government	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHYS 1115	General Physics I	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSYC 1113	Introduction to Psychology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
MATH 1513	College Algebra	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 1013 (Lecture)	Introductory Biology I	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 1011 (Lab)			
BIOL 1023 (Lecture)	Introductory Biology II	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 1021 (Lab)			
BIOL 3224	Microbiology	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 2154	Human Anatomy	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 3314	Human Physiology	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 4133 or 4164 or 4354 or 3114	General Virology or Medical Microbiology or Immunology or Genetics	3 or 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHEM 1123 (Lecture)	General Chemistry I	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHEM 1131 (Lab)			
CHEM 1223 (Lecture)	General Chemistry II	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHEM 1231 (Lab)			
CHEM 4214	Biochemistry	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Additional Requirements</b>			
Psychology Elective	Can NOT be sociology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Physician Assistant is a professional member of the health care team qualified by intense basic science and clinical training to function under the supervision of a physician. The Physician Assistant is not a physician replacement, but works as an efficient way for physicians to extend health care service to you and your family.

### Employment Opportunities

Tasks depend on the supervising physician's practice setting and specialty, the laws of Oklahoma, and the individual situation. Tasks may include: obtaining a patient's accurate medical history, performing a thorough physical examination, performing routine diagnostic tests such as PAP smears and EKG's, diagnosing and treating common medical problems, writing medical orders in hospitals, ordering medications according to Oklahoma law, initiating emergency treatment, assisting in surgery, debriding, suturing and caring for superficial wounds, making hospital rounds, and providing you and your family with education pertaining to the disease process and treatment plan. Physician Assistants are trained to function in a variety of settings such as private offices, clinics, hospitals, emergency departments, HMO's, neighborhood health centers, industry branches of the armed services, and federal and state facilities.

### Minimum Application Requirements

The Admissions Committee bases its decision upon an applicant's overall GPA, science GPA, number of overall and science credit hours, personal interview scores, types and quality of health care experience, personal references, score on the general test component of the GRE, and the applicant's written statement on why they want to be a Physician Assistant. The application process is highly competitive. Completion of all pre-requisites does not guarantee that an applicant will be offered an interview for final selection.

Applicants must be a US citizen or permanent resident. Both OUHSC-PA programs (in OKC and Tulsa) require an earned Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university. All pre-requisites must be completed with a grade of C or better by the end of the spring semester prior to starting the PA Program. Science prerequisites must be no older than 7 calendar years.

Please visit <https://medicine.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Degree-Programs/Physician-Associate-Program/Prospective-Applicants/Prerequisite-Requirements> for questions regarding course transfers from other colleges and universities.

1. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
2. Good standing with the college or university last attended or currently enrolled
3. Complete application for admission at <https://paeaonline.org/caspa/>
4. Three letters of reference submitted directly to CASPA
5. Submit a one page, typewritten statement on "Why I Wish to Become a Physician Associate" and a resume
6. Must take the general test component of the GRE. All GRE scores must be received by the PA Program by the October 1 deadline; therefore applicants are encouraged to take the test no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>. Information regarding GRE can be obtained at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org).
7. The Tulsa and Oklahoma City Programs operate independently and conduct admission separately; however, applicants will be able to note on their application whether they wish to be considered for the Oklahoma City program, the Tulsa program, or both. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check with the individual program to which they are applying for additional application information. OU-Tulsa [Physician Assistant Program](#) or OUHSC in Oklahoma City [Physician Associate Program](#)

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all requirements are turned in prior to the October 1 deadline. You can check the status of your application at [Admissions and Records - ApplyOUHSC](#)

The OKC PA Program will admit up to 50 students selected by an admissions committee. The OKC program lasts for 30 months and consists of 17 months of didactic training on the Health Science Center campus and 13 months of rotations at various hospitals, clinics, and doctor's offices within the state.

The OU-Tulsa Program typically admits 24 students. The OU-Tulsa program lasts for 30 months and consists of 14 months of didactic training and 16 months of rotations at various hospitals, clinics, and physician offices within the state.

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For PA information from the [University of Oklahoma OKC](#) contact: Kayla Tullis, Associate Director – 405-271-2058 or University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, PO box 26901, Oklahoma City, or Email: <https://students.ouhsc.edu/> or go to the OUHSC PA OKC website at <https://www.oumedicine.com/college-of-medicine/information-about/pa-program-okc>

For PA information from the [University of Oklahoma Tulsa](#) contact: School of Community Medicine Student Services Office, Suite 1C54, 4502 E. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Tulsa, OK 74135-2512 or 918-660-3500 or Email: [http://www.ou.edu/tulsa/community\\_medicine/premed](http://www.ou.edu/tulsa/community_medicine/premed).

All prospective OU-Tulsa PA students are encouraged to attend an OUSCM info session held every other month at the Schusterman Center. Visit the website for dates and registration.

**Shadowing:** For a list of PA's (*either program*) to shadow, please check <http://pashadowonline.com/> or call OUHSC at 405-271-2058.