

## Physician's Assistant Programs

- There is a wide range of requirements for specific PA programs so it is important that you look ahead at the requirements for where ever you plan on applying.
- Below are the requirements for the PA programs at the University of Kentucky in Lexington and Moorhead. As of 2015 these are the only PA programs that are accredited in KY. Two other institutions are seeking accreditation, but there is no guarantee that they will be successful.

### **Required Classes for Admission to Physician's Assistant Programs**

BIO111 Cell and Molecular Biology (4)

BIO 171 Human Anatomy (3)\*

BIO 320 Principles of Microbiology (4) or BIO 273 Clinical Microbiology

BIO 348 Vertebrate Physiology (3) or 301 Human Physiology

- Cannot be used to satisfy major or minor requirements in Biology

CHE 111/CHE 111L General Chemistry I (4)

CHE 112/CHE 112L General Chemistry II (4)

CHE 361/CHE 361L Organic Chemistry I (4)

HAS 200 Medical Terminology I (3)

PSY 200 Introduction to Psychology (3)

PSY 280 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3)

SOC 131 Introduction to Sociology (3) or ANT 120 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

STA 270 Applied Statistics I (3) or STA 215 Introduction to Statistical Reasoning

### **Health Care Experience**

**The University of Kentucky has eliminated the requirement of a minimum of 1000 hrs of direct patient contact is required.** Patient contact hours are required, but no minimum number of hours is set. These hours may be in a medical discipline such as CNA, EMT, CRNA, CMA, Medical Tech, professional hospice volunteer, etc. A maximum of 500 hrs that have occurred Pharmacy Tech, Dental Tech, Physical Therapist Tech, and/or Athletic Trainer are acceptable.

Most students have a bachelor's degree and three years working as a health care professional before entering a PA program.

## **Shadowing**

A minimum of 50 hours of shadowing a Physician's Assistant is also required for admission.

## **Useful Links**

The American Academy of Physician's Assistants <https://www.aapa.org>

Becoming a PA <https://www.aapa.org/twocolumnmain.aspx?id=288>