

# PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT



**Physician Assistants (PA)** conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care and may assist in surgery.

**Admissions Test:** GRE

**Years of Higher Education:** 6-7 (4 undergrad, 2-3 advanced)

**Degree Earned:** Master's



**Certification/Licensure:** Certification. Excellence.

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants

<https://www.nccpa.net/>

**Median Salary:** \$94,348

**For more information:**

[American Association of Physician's Assistants](#)

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## PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

MOST SCHOOLS REQUIRE:	
General Biology with Lab	BIO 1011R/L Principles of Biology I (Lecture and Lab) BIO 1012R/L Principles of Biology II (Lecture and Lab)

General Chemistry with Lab	CHE 1045R/L General Chemistry I (Lecture and Lab) CHE 1046R/L General Chemistry II (Lecture and Lab)
Human Physiology	BIO 3728C Human Physiology (Lecture and Lab)
Human Anatomy	BIO 2730C Human Anatomy (Lecture and Lab)
Microbiology	BIO 4023R Microbiology (Lecture)
Statistics	STA 1021 Intro to Stats
General Psychology	PSY 1010 Introduction to Psych
<b>Some schools require:</b>	
Organic Chemistry	CHE 1213L/R Organic Chemistry I (Lecture and Lab) CHE 1214L/R Organic Chemistry II (Lecture and Lab)
Genetics	BIO 3513C Genetics (Lecture and Lab)
Biochemistry	CHEM 1376L Biochemistry (Lecture) CHEM 1376L Biochemistry (Lab)
Nutrition	BIO 3221 Nutrition (OFFERED AT STERN COLLEGE ONLY)
Math	
Sociology	SOC 1001 Introduction to Sociology
Medical Terminology	

English Composition	FYWR 1020 First Year Writing
Spanish	SPAN 1101 Elementary Spanish