

Below is a list to get you started on pre-requisites for PA graduate programs. It is important for you to look at schools and determine requirements because they are different across schools with some commonalities. AAPA (<http://www.aapa.org/>) has some great resources but not a very comprehensive list of prerequisites. For a more detailed description of program requirements visit www.caspaonline.org for a link to all participating programs. Elon's PA program information is here (http://www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/health_sciences/).

Common Course Requirements:

- 2 semesters Biology w/lab (*BIO 111/113 and BIO 245/246*)
- 1 semester General Chemistry w/ lab
- 1 semester upper level Chemistry or Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry (w/ lab)
- Human Anatomy w/ lab
- Human Physiology w/lab
- Introduction to Psychology
- Microbiology w/lab
- Mathematics (usually statistics)
- English Composition

Additional Course Requirements or Common Recommendations:

- Immunology
- Endocrinology
- Abnormal Psychology

Other Common Requirements:

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Recommendation letters
- Patient care experience is a critical part of the application. Programs require varying hours of direct patient care experience (hands-on experience with patients in a medical care setting) prior to applying.
- Minimum GPA 2.75 - 3.0