

Physician Assistant Studies Advising Worksheet

Student Name: _____ **G#:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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Application Criteria ~

- ✓ Application deadline is: **October 1st**
- ✓ Completion of all prerequisite coursework (outlined below) and a bachelor's degree are required by the month of May prior to the start of the PAS program in the fall semester
- ✓ Minimum grade of **"C"** must be attained in all prerequisite coursework
- ✓ Minimum 3.0 GPA in prerequisite coursework **and** in last 60 hours of coursework
- ✓ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- ✓ Evidence of 500-plus hours of significant volunteer, work, or observational experience in a health care environment. This experience must be hands on patient care activities
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation on university forms; one from a physician assistant is encouraged but not required
- ✓ Communication and interpersonal skills are important components of the application process. Students who meet select admission criteria will be invited to participate in on-site interviews and writing assessments.

Prerequisite Courses <i>(Required)</i>	School	Course	Year	Grade	Credits
BIO 120 General Biology I <small>(prerequisites: CHM 109 or 115)</small>					
BIO 355 Human Genetics <small>(BIO 120 or BIO 103)</small>					
*BMS 208 Human Anatomy <small>(prerequisites: BIO 120 or BMS 202)</small>					
*BMS 212/213 Introductory Microbiology w/ Lab <small>(BIO 120 & CHM 230 or 232 or 241) (BMS 212 or concurrent)</small>					
*BMS 290/291 Human Physiology & Lab <small>(BMS 208 & 2 semesters of CHM)</small>					
CHM 109 Introductory Chemistry					
CHM 231 Introductory Organic Chemistry <small>(CHM 109 or CHM 116)</small>					
*CHM 232 Biological Chemistry <small>(CHM 231)</small>					
PHY 200 Physics for the Life Sciences <small>(MTH 110)</small>					
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology					
STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics <small>(MTH 110)</small>					

Courses with an * must have been taken in the last 5 years

Recommended Courses	School	Course	Year	Grade	Credits
BIO 328 Biomedical Ethics					
BMS 305 Clinical Nutrition					
BMS 309 Human Anatomy Cadaver lab					
BMS 310 Pathophysiology					
BMS 311 Pharmacology					

Application Information

Students are accepted for fall entrance only. Students will be informed of admission decisions no later than **February 28**. Applicants may be placed on an alternate list to be offered positions should a vacancy occur.

Freshman: High school seniors, interested in Physician Assistant Studies (PAS) program, must submit a [Grand Valley State University undergraduate application](#). During the freshman year, these students can begin their pre-professional courses and determine a major. It should be noted that Physician Assistant Studies is not an undergraduate major but rather students select a major and take PAS prerequisite courses during their undergraduate studies.

Transfers: Transfer students should review with their home institution academic advisor and a GVSU College of Health Professions pre-physician assistant studies advisor, the courses that will satisfy Grand Valley State University and PAS prerequisite requirements. At the time of transfer, all baccalaureate degree-seeking transfer students (from community or four-year colleges) must submit a [Grand Valley State University undergraduate application](#). Upon acceptance, these students should consult immediately with an academic advisor in their major as well as a pre-physician assistant studies advisor in the College of Health Professions at 616-331-3356. We strongly encourage students to transfer mid-sophomore year to ensure successful completion of Grand Valley State University's major, PAS prerequisite and general education requirements.

Non degree-seeking: Students from other institutions, who only wish to complete physician assistant studies prerequisite coursework at Grand Valley State University, may apply by completing the 'non-degree-seeking graduate application' if they have a bachelor's degree or the 'non-degree seeking undergraduate' application if they wish to take GVSU courses while in process of obtaining a bachelor's degree elsewhere. Contact the Office of Admissions at (616) 331-2025 for further information.

Physician Assistant applicants: The Graduate Applications for the PAS program may be obtained from the Admissions Office of Grand Valley State University. Upon return of the completed [graduate application](#), the Admissions Office will mail supplementary materials including [recommendation](#) and [resume](#) forms. Students DO NOT NEED TO WAIT for the supplementary materials because these materials are available to download on line. For admission consideration, the graduate application and supplementary materials must be sent to the GVSU Admissions Office BEFORE October 1st. The incoming cohort will begin classes in August of the following year.

Foreign-born applicants should be able to communicate well in English. Minimal scores of TOEFL 600 or equivalent computer-based TOEFL are expected. International students must have last 30 hours of higher education coursework taken at an established & accredited U.S. institution

ALL application materials must be submitted to:
Admissions Office
Grand Valley State University
1 Campus Drive
Allendale, MI 49401-9403