

**PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRACK REQUIREMENTS**

TOTAL HOURS 75-76

**All courses listed on the pre-physician assistant track should be completed with a grade of “C” or better.**

The pre-physician assistant track is **not** a major but outlines the recommended coursework required to meet admissions requirements for most physician assistant programs in the United States. Any student who wishes to obtain a bachelor’s degree from Florida Southern College while on the pre-physician assistant track must simultaneously declare a bachelor’s degree program. Non-degree seeking students are limited to a maximum of 39 credits attempted before they are required to declare a major and work towards a degree. Students on the pre-physician assistant track may declare any undergraduate major as professional schools do not require or prefer specific bachelor’s degrees. Although accepted by Florida Southern College to satisfy undergraduate degree requirements, some professional schools will not accept AP/IB/AICE/CAPE credits. **Admissions requirements to individual physician assistant programs may vary; students are responsible for verifying admissions information for their respective programs of interest.**

Many of the courses below will fulfill general education or major-specific coursework, depending on the selected major. Students are encouraged to review the coursework below with their academic advisor.

	Earned	Needed
BIO 1500 Biology I: Biological Essentials	_____	_____
BIO 1600 Biology II: Biological Diversity	_____	_____
BIO 2215 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	_____	_____
BIO 2216 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	_____	_____
BIO 3400 Microbiology	_____	_____
BIO 3700 Genetics	_____	_____
CHE 1111 Principles of Chemistry I	_____	_____
CHE 1112 Principles of Chemistry II	_____	_____
CHE 2221 Organic Chemistry I	_____	_____
CHE 2251 Organic Chemistry I lab	_____	_____
CHE 2232 Organic Chemistry II	_____	_____
CHE 2252 Organic Chemistry II lab	_____	_____
One 3000 level courses in biochemistry: BIO/CHE _____	_____	_____
One 2000 level course in statistics: MAT _____	_____	_____
One 2000 level course in Mathematics: MAT _____	_____	_____
ATP 1234 Medical Terminology	_____	_____
PSY 1106 Psychology and the Social World	_____	_____
PSY 2209 Developmental Psychology	_____	_____
PSY 2214 Abnormal Psychology	_____	_____
<b>Two English or writing courses:</b>	_____	_____
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**Additional Recommended Electives**

*The following courses should be taken based on individual program admission requirements, student interest, course availability, and schedule flexibility.*

**General Education Courses**

- COM 1500 Fundamentals of Speech (EC-B)
- ENG 3219 Persuasive Writing (QI, EC-C)
- PHI 2204 Ethics (MV, QI)
- PHI 1109 What is Philosophy? (MV, QI)
- SOC 1100 Intro to Sociology (SW)

**Science Courses**

- BIO 3800 Cell Biology
- BIO 3988/3989 Professional Shadowing
- PHY 2010 General Physics I
- PHY 2020 General Physics II
- MAT 2311 Calculus I
- EXS 2775 Kinesiology

**Extracurricular Experiences**

Physician assistant programs require more than the completion of prerequisites to be competitive for admission. Participation in meaningful healthcare and community service experiences, among other extracurricular activities, are highly recommended or required. Most physician assistant programs require or strongly recommend a minimum of 1,000 hours of direct patient care experience. Direct patient care experience are those experiences in which a student is directly providing healthcare. Although these experience CAN be volunteer in nature, they generally are NOT shadowing experiences and many times a certification is required to earn these hours. Common experiences in which students obtain direct patient care hours are: Certified Nursing Assistant, Scribe, EMT/Paramedic, Medical Assistant, Patient Care Assistant/Tech, Phlebotomist, and more. Students should plan to meet with a member of the Health Professions & STEM Career Development Center or the Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC) to ensure they are building a holistically competitive profile in and out of the classroom.

**Pre-Professional Program (P3)**

All students on the pre-physician assistant track are encouraged to apply for the FSC Pre-Professional Program (P3). Although any FSC student may pursue a pre-health track, only the most competitive students will be accepted into P3. Students who complete the Pre-Professional Program may request a committee letter of evaluation to be included with their application to professional school, earn a designation on their transcript and a distinctive honor cord, have access to exclusive shadowing experiences, and are able to participate in special P3-only opportunities and events. For more information visit: [www.flsouthern.edu/p3](http://www.flsouthern.edu/p3).