



# UNMC College of Allied Health Professions

## Physician Assistant Program Guide

Listed are MCC courses that satisfy the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Physician Assistant admission requirements.

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The Physician Assistant program is a master's level program that requires students to complete a bachelor's degree. Students may earn a bachelor's degree in any area of interest (i.e. Biology, Exercise Science, Psychology) provided the admission requirements below are satisfied. Listed below are Metropolitan Community College courses that will satisfy University of Nebraska Medical Center's (UNMC) Physician Assistant (PA) admission requirements.

UNMC Admission Course Requirements	Metropolitan Community College Courses			Quarter Hours
<b>Biological Sciences</b>	BIOS	1010	Introduction to Biology <b>OR</b>	6
<i>Minimum of 16 semester hours~</i>	BIOS	1110, 1120, 1130	Biology I, II and III ^	15
	BIOS	2150	Microbiology	6
	BIOS	2310	Human Anatomy and Physiology I *	6
	BIOS	2320	Human Anatomy and Physiology II *	6
	<i>Immunology at University of Nebraska at Omaha strongly recommended</i>			
<b>Chemistry</b>	CHEM	1210&1211	General Chemistry: Parts I & II <b>OR</b>	6
<i>Minimum of 16 semester hours~</i>	CHEM	1212	General Chemistry I: Accelerated	6
	CHEM	1220	General Chemistry II	6
	CHEM	2310	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry <b>OR</b>	6
	CHEM	232ABC & 233ABC	Organic Chemistry IA, IB, IC and IIA, IIB, IIC ^	15
	<i>Biochemistry &amp; Lab at University of Nebraska at Omaha is required</i>			
<b>Psychology</b>	PSYC	1010	Introduction to Psychology	4.5
<i>Minimum of 9 semester hours~</i>	PSYC	1120	Human Growth and Development	4.5
	PSYC	2350	Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology **	4.5
<b>Mathematics</b>	MATH	1410	Statistics	4.5
<i>Minimum of 3 semester hours~</i>	<i>An additional algebra course is strongly recommended (MATH 1420)</i>			
<b>English</b>	ENGL	1010	English Composition I	4.5
<i>Minimum of 6 semester hours~</i>	ENGL	1020	English Composition II	4.5

\* Courses are recommended for completion toward the end of bachelor's degree, in the junior or senior year.

\*\* Course does not transfer into UNO's College of Arts and Sciences, but does satisfy UNMC's admission requirement.

^ Courses are recommended for students who will be working toward a bachelor's degree in Biology while preparing for admission into the Physician Assistant program.

~4.5 quarter hours = 3 semester hours

### UNMC Program Notes

- Applicants to the Physician Assistant program must have completed a bachelor's degree upon matriculation.
- The Graduate Examination Record (GRE) General Test is required for admission.
- Admission to the Physician Assistant program is very competitive. Approximately fifty-eight students are admitted each year. Important factors in the selection of applicants include:
  - Academic Achievement – GPA and Science GPA. The overall GPA averages are generally around 3.7 and the average Science GPA is generally around 3.6.
  - Competitive GRE scores (50<sup>th</sup> percentile and above)
  - A thorough understanding of the Physician Assistant profession
  - Prior work or volunteer experience, demonstrating direct patient care
  - Extracurricular, professional or service organization involvement and activity
  - Effective interpersonal and communicative skills
- The Physician Assistant program is a master's level program, taking 28 additional months after the bachelor degree to complete. Courses begin in the fall.