



HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING

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Physician Assistant

The following information is intended to answer some of the typical questions from students who are interested in a Human or Animal Health related fields. We hope this information offers an opportunity for comparison, but it may not represent any individual program, school, or profession completely. Please ALWAYS double-check your information before making decisions!

OVERVIEW:

Under a physician's supervision, a Physician Assistant (PA) performs many patient care tasks which were traditionally conducted by physicians. PAs deliver a broad range of medical and surgical services, including:

- taking medical histories
- conducting physical examinations
- ordering diagnostic tests
- administering treatments including suturing, casting and minor surgery
- monitoring patients
- prescribing medications
- assisting in surgery
- counseling and educating patients

CSU does **not** have a Physician Assistant Professional program. Health Professions advisors work with any CSU student interested in going onto a PA program after s/he graduates from CSU.

PREREQUISITES:

These courses are provided as GENERAL pre-requisites and may not represent a complete list of requirements. It is the student's responsibility to check with each professional school in order to determine specific pre-requisites courses and equivalencies for each institution.

Requirement	Recommended CSU Course(s)
General Chemistry (2 semesters w/ labs)	CHEM 111/112 and CHEM 113/114
Genetics (1 semester)	BZ 350, SOCR 330 (UC-Denver)
Human Anatomy (1 semester)	BMS 301
Physiology (1 semester)	BMS 300, BMS 302 OR BMS 360
Upper Division Science (2 semesters)	300/400
Psychology (2 semesters)	PSY 100, PSY 260, PSY 320 (any PSY course, not HDFS)
Humanities (4 semesters)	Courses from prefixes ART, D, E, MU, PHIL, SPCM, TH and Languages (Freshman Composition is not acceptable at UC-Denver)
Statistics (1 semester)	
Highly recommended courses	BC 351, LIFE 205/206 or MIP 300/302, OT 215, ANTH, CO, Spanish



PROGRAMS

Accredited Programs:

- [Accredited Physician Assistant Programs](#)
- [Physician Assistant Education Association \(PAEP\) Program Directory](#)

Programs in Colorado:

- [University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center PA Program](#)
- [Red Rocks Community College PA Program](#)

ADMISSIONS TESTS

Graduate Record Exam (GRE): www.gre.org

APPLICATION SERVICES

Central Application Service for Physician Assistant (CASPA): portal.caspaonline.org/

ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Physician Assistants: www.aapa.org