

Entrance requirements for the SIUC Physician Assistant program leading to a master's degree and a PA Certificate are listed below. Requirements are similar for other programs. Besides a Biological Sciences/Biomed Track or Physiology majors, consider obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N.) or other health care related degree and working in the health care field before applying. The GRE or MAT is required.

English and Speech	1 semester each	ENGL 101 and SPCM 101
Biological Sciences	1 semester	ZOOL 118 or BIOL 200a (200a for science majors)
Physiology	1 semester	PHSL 310 or higher (must be completed within the last 5 years)
Cadaver Anatomy	1 semester	PHSL 301 (must be completed within the last 5 years)
Microbiology	1 semester	MICR 201 or 301
Chemistry	2 semesters	CHEM 140a, 140b or Science major level chemistry: CHEM 200, 201 and 210, 211
Mathematics	statistics	EPSY 402, MATH 282, PLB 360, or HCM 365 (must be completed within the last five years)
Psychology-general	1 semester	PSYC 102
Medical Terminology	1 semester	AH 105 (Or proficiency)
Cardiac Life Support	1 semester	HED 334 (with grade of A or B) or CPR certification*

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Recommended 400 level electives: PHSL 410a, b (4,4) (Mammalian Physiology); PHSL 401a, b (5,5) (Advanced Human Anatomy with Laboratory); MICRO 453, (Immunology Lecture).

Only grades of C or better are accepted, and the prerequisite course GPA must be at least a 3.0. SIUC gives preference to students with health care experience, exceptional academic performance, and those from rural areas. Prior medical experience is required. 2000 hours of direct patient care experience, including paid employment and volunteer work, is preferred. Credentialed experience as a CNA, EMT, medical assistant, pharmacy technician, phlebotomist, is desired. This experience should be in conjunction with shadowing a practicing Physician Assistant. Obtain up-to-the-minute information from the schools to which you will apply. In the Midwest, these are:

1. PA Program, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, **Southern Illinois University Carbondale**, Lindegren Hall, Room 129, Mailcode 6615, Carbondale, IL 62901
2. PA Program, **Midwestern University**, 555 W. 31st St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
3. PA Program, **Rosalind Franklin University**, 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064-3095
4. PA Program, **Saint Louis University**, Doisy College of Health Sciences, 3437 Caroline Street, St. Louis, MO 63104.

*Pre-Physician Assistant is not a major. The student must also choose a major in which to earn a baccalaureate degree. This major must be declared by the end of the sophomore year. Transfer students must declare a major by the beginning of their second semester following transfer.\*Certification in CPR can be obtained at a community college or area hospital.*

**See the Health Professions PA web page at: [www.science.siu.edu/advisement/pre/pa.htm](http://www.science.siu.edu/advisement/pre/pa.htm)**

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