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Physician Assistant

Kansas State University

Johnson County Community College Transfer Program to the Kansas State University	HHS
College of Health and Human Services	785-532-5500
Physician Assistant Program	hhs@ksu.edu
Academic Year 2025-2026	https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/ academics/pa/

Program Description

Physician Assistants (PAs) work on health care teams with physicians and other providers. They are qualified to provide a broad range of health care services including performing medical interviews and physical examinations, screening and interpreting results of diagnostic studies, diagnosing patients, implementing treatment plans, counseling patients regarding illness and preventative medicine, monitoring patients, and facilitating access to appropriate health care resources. Students may provide these services to individuals of any age in various settings.

Degree pathway for physician assistants - The minimum education required to enter the PA profession is the master's degree and, with a few exceptions, a <u>bachelor's degree</u> is required before entering a PA program.

Admissions Requirements

The admissions process is highly selective and competitive. The review process begins as soon as verified applications are received from the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). The program will offer interviews to selected applicants, and acceptances will be offered on a rolling admission basis. Early application is strongly encouraged.

Application Procedure

Applicants must complete a CASPA application. Request CASPA (https://caspa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login) application forms from CASPA or by calling them at 617-612-2080. All applicants must complete the K-State PA program supplemental application (https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/academics/pa/admission/supplemental.html), and submit the required fee. Applicants invited to an interview, must also complete the application for K-State graduate study, and submit the required fee.

The Admission Committee's interview teams will interview selected applicants. Following the interview, applicants will be evaluated by the Admission Committee to assess their suitability for the program. The program will notify accepted applicants within two weeks of the interview. Those who wish to accept a seat must pay a $1000 deposit to reserve their seat within ten business days of receiving the offer. This deposit will be applied toward the first semester of tuition and will only be refunded if the PA program does not matriculate students in January 2026.

Application & Timeline:

The following information applies to the 2026 application cycle. CASPA opens April 24, 2026. The admission process is highly selective. Applicants are considered for an interview if they meet the minimum GPA requirements (3.0 prerequisite and 3.0 last 60 credit hours GPA) and have no legal history of felony convictions. They must also demonstrate at least **two** of the following seven admission preferences listed below:

Program Admission Preferences:

- GPA Last 60 Credit Hours >3.0, and GPA Prerequisite >3.0
- Direct patient care experience characterized as moderate or high level
- Direct patient care experience > 750 hours
- Work experience or research hours > 500 hours
- Community service > 250 hours
- Leadership activities # one year
- Graduate degree earned in any discipline by August 1of the year in which applying

Visit KSU Admission **(**https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/academics/pa/admission/**) for additional admission requirements and information.**

Pre-requisite Courses:

- Successful completion of all prerequisite courses by the time of application with a grade of "C" or above from a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
- Prerequisites greater than ten years from the date of application will not be accepted, unless the applicant has provided at least 4,000 hours of direct patient care during that timeframe.
- Although CASPA averages retaken courses, the highest grade will be utilized for prerequisite GPA calculation, if a prerequisite course has been retaken.
- One course cannot be used to satisfy multiple prerequisites.
- No prerequisite course may be taken on a "pass/fail", or "credit/non-credit" basis, therefore all courses must have a letter grade.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
		Hours			
K-State Required Prerequisite Courses					
Biology (two semesters: one of which must be General Biology with lab)	Visit the KSU Transfer Equivalency database for JCCC equivalents.				
Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab (two semesters: a one semester combined Anatomy and Physiology course with lab, of at least 8 semester hours will meet this requirement)					

BIOL 140	Human Anatomy	4		BIOL 441 & KIN 360 & KIN 361	Human Body I and Anatomy and Physiology and Anatomy Physiology I	4
BIOL 225	Human Physiology*	4		BIOL 442 & KIN 360 & KIN 362	Human Body II and Anatomy and Physiology and Anatomy Physiology II	4
Human Genetics (one semester: must have been completed within past 5 years)						
BIOL 205	General Genetics*	4				
Microbiology or Bacteriology (one semester)						
BIOL 230 & BIOL 231	Microbiology* and Microbiology Lab*	3		BIOL 255 & BIOL 455	General Microbiology and General Microbiology	4
General Chemistry with lab (two semesters: second semester can include Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry)						
CHEM 220 & CHEM 221	Organic Chemistry I* and Organic Chemistry II*	5		CHM 531 & CHM 550	Organic Chemistry 1 and Organic Chemistry II	3
Psychology (one semester)						
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3		PSYC 110 & PSYCH 110 & PSYCH 115	General Psychology and General Psychology and General Psychology (Honors)	4

K-State Recommended Additional Courses

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Pharmacology					
BIOL 240	General Pharmacology*	3			
Organic Chemistry					
CHEM 140	Principles of Organic Biological Chemistry*	5	CHM 350 & CHM 351	General Organic Chemistry and Gen Organic Chemistry Lab	2
Biochemistry					
CHEM 250	Biochemistry*	4	BIOCH 521	General Biochemistry	3
Biostatistics No JCCC equivalent					

*   JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

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