



COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MASTER'S DEGREE - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Admission Requirements* (*Accreditation Standards A3.13, A3.14*)

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.
2. Applicants must complete and submit an application through CASPA (Centralized Application Service for PAs).
3. Applicants must have an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. For degrees earned at institutions outside of the United States, one year (or 24 credits) of additional coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning in the U.S. will be required.
4. Applicants must complete all prerequisite coursework listed below, with a grade of C or better, by June 1 prior to the start of the program.** (*Accreditation Standard A3.13b,d*)
5. English as a second language applicants must achieve the following TOEFL scores or greater: TOEFL – 550 (PBT), 79-80 (IBT), or 213 (CBT).
6. It is required that applicants have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. A strong science GPA is preferred. ISU uses the CASPA GPA calculations in the application evaluation and includes coursework that has been repeated. GPAs under 3.0 will not be considered.
7. Completed Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within 5 years, with the following recommended scores: 155 Verbal, 155 Quantitative, 4.0 Written. GRE scores must be submitted directly to CASPA using the code 7339. **Note:** The GRE will no longer be required to apply to this program as of March 4, 2024.
8. Applicants must submit three letters of reference (at least one academic and one professional).
9. Applicants must submit a personal goal statement explaining why they want to become a Physician Assistant.
10. Applicants must attest to meeting the Indiana State University PA program's technical standards prior to admission. (*Accreditation Standard A3.13e*)

*Applicants to the Physician Assistant program are considered on a competitive basis. Satisfaction of the basic admission requirements does not ensure acceptance into the program. Each application will be evaluated on its own merits. Evidence of academic potential, intellectual capacity, maturity, clarity of goals, knowledge of the healthcare system, and other qualities appropriate for graduate study will weigh strongly on the admission decision. Additional materials may be requested for examination prior to admission.

Preference will be given to residents of Indiana, ISU Graduates, Veterans or active service members of the United States armed forces, and those interested in Rural Health Medicine. (*Accreditation Standard A3.13a*)

Patient healthcare experience is highly encouraged. A minimum of 500 hours is required. (*Accreditation Standard A3.13b*)

Indiana State University's PA program does not accept advanced placement courses. (*Accreditation Standard A3.13c*)

**ISU does not currently enforce an expiration date for prerequisites. However, candidates whose prerequisite coursework is older than 10 years are strongly encouraged to consider refreshing. Prerequisite coursework is as follows:

- Human Anatomy with lab (ISU equivalent: ATTR 210/210L, BIO 231/231L)
- Human Physiology with lab (ISU equivalent: BIO 241/241L or PE 220/220L)
- Microbiology with lab (ISU equivalent: BIO 274/274L or BIO 374/374L)
- Organic Chemistry I & II with labs (ISU equivalent: CHEM 351/351L and CHEM 352/352L)
- Statistics (ISU equivalent: HLTH 340 or MATH 241 or BIO 485)
- Medical Terminology (ISU equivalent: ATTR 225)
- Two upper-level Biological Sciences (Examples of acceptable courses: Genetics, Virology, Immunology, Pathology, Biomedical Ethics, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology)

Ranges of academic qualifications for accepted applicants:

Class of 2023

UG GPA Average: 3.57

UG Science GPA Average: 3.45

GRE Score Average: 305

Class of 2024

UG GPA Average: 3.60

UG Science GPA Average: 3.47

GRE Score Average: 307

Class of 2025

UG GPA Average: 3.55

UG Science GPA Average: 3.52

GRE Score Average: 305