

Bethel University Physician Asst. Program (BUPAP)

Physician Assistant School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)*

First Year	
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precal I or Math 1720: Precal II or MATH 1730: Combined Precal or MATH 1830: Calculus for Mgmt., Life and Social Sciences, or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit Hours)	
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	PSY 1010: Introduction Psychology (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i>	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i>
BIOL 1130: Principles of Biology III (3 credit hours)**	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	
Third Year	
BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours)	BIOL 4280: Cellular Biology (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)	
Fourth Year	
BIOL 4720: Immunology (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
Complete remaining major requirements	Take GRE no later than March of 4th year
<p><i>*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline</i></p> <p><i>** BIOL 1130 is a prerequisite for BIOL 3250 and required prerequisite for the BUPAP program. Students must complete this course in addition to required and recommended courses listed above.</i></p>	

Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) and Shadowing Requirements

DPCH	Shadowing	Logging and Verifying Hours
Minimum of 250 hours of direct patient care hours required. Additional hours are encouraged	Minimum of 40 hours shadowing a PA-C required. Additional hours are encouraged, applicants ideally will have 100 shadowing hours	Both direct patient care hours and shadowing hours must be logged and verified in the CASPA application. Be detailed in your experiences, no hours will be accepted if they are not logged in CASPA.

GRE Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration fee: \$205 Late Registration (1 week after registration closes): Additional \$50	Scores can be sent/reported for up to 5 years	Computer based test can be taken once every 21 days	Additional scores requested are sent within 5 business days of request
Rescheduling fee: \$20 Changing test center fee: \$50 Refund of \$75 4+ days before test. No Refund 4 days or less from test date	Scores can be sent to up to 4 institutions for free. Additional score reports for can be ordered at \$27 per recipient from ETS account	Test can be taken no more than 5 times in a calendar year. Cancelled scores count in annual limit	Choose which scores to share, institution can only see the scores sent
Fee assistance is offered MUST be college senior or unenrolled college grad; First come/first serve Fee is reduced to \$75 GRE Fee Reduction Request	For the computer-delivered GRE test, official scores will be sent to designated instructions 10-15 days after test date	The institution can not see how many times you have taken the test	MUST designate where to send the scores on test day, after viewing unofficial results

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete: course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology, Algebra/Calculus, PSY 1010 and Statistics	Join clubs/get involved. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop. Begin locating PAs to shadow and venues for DPCH	Complete: Organic Chem sequence (Recommended) , BIOL 1130 (Required for BIOL 3250) , BIOL 2060, and BIOL 2080	Begin shadowing and accruing DPCH and leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Participate in GRE prep. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Year 4 Class	Year 4- Experience	Completion date
Complete: BIOL 3250, BIOL 4220 or 2100, and BIOL 4280 (Recommended)	Study for GRE and complete between 3rd & 4th yr. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working on DPCH and shadowing	Complete: CHEM 4510 (Recommended) and any remaining major requirements	Submit CASPA Application and all required materials. CASPA application opens Mid-April	All Prerequisites must be completed by Sept 1 before matriculation in January. C or better required in all Prerequisite courses

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility			
International Students	GRE	Letters of Recommendation	
Non native English speakers must complete TOEFL IBT. TOEFL IBT must be taken within 2 years of application. Students who complete their undergraduate degree outside U.S. must have the transcript verified by WES . Must also complete 12-30 hours at a US school (30 hrs. preferred)	School Code: 1063 code. Ideal combined score 304	3 required, 2 must be from a PA, MD, DO, or FNP, 1 from professor or academic advisor. Letters from family members are not accepted. Letters must be uploaded to CASPA application	
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications			
Application	Cost	Secondary Application	Age of Courses
New CASPA Application required every year - Opens Mid-April. All applications must be submitted and ALL materials verified by Oct 1 to be considered for admission	CASPA Application fee \$179 plus \$55 for each additional school	Secondary Application available on program website. Secondary Application fee of \$75	Courses no older than 5 years accepted as prerequisites. Older courses considered if applicant has worked full time w/ DPC since completion of courses
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision			
Interview	Decisions	Deposit	
Select applicants are interviewed. Interviews are held between Jun and Oct. Interviews are scheduled as soon as verified applications are received. BUPAP has rolling admission, so it is important to apply early. Average 90 interviews offered	Applicants who are interviewed are notified within 2 weeks post interview on their status	Accepted students must pay \$1,000 deposit confirming their offer within 10 business days of receiving offer of acceptance	
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information			