

Christian Brothers University Physician Assistant Program

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> <i>Preference given to students who complete the course</i>	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i> <i>Preference given to students who complete the course</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 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)***	PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals or community college medical terminology course (2 credit hours)
BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours)	
*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	
** BIOL 1130 is not a required or recommended course, but is a prerequisite for BIOL 3250, a required course	
*** BIOL 4220 has additional prerequisite courses outside the requirements for CBU. If a student opts to take BIOL 4220 these courses must also be completed	

Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) and Shadowing Requirements

DPCH	Shadowing	Logging and Verifying Hours
No minimum number of hours required, preferred experiences are that that show quality interaction and the development of a deep understanding of patient care	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.

CASPer Test Facts You Need to Know

Format	Requirements	Cost
The CASPer test takes approximately 90 minutes, which includes the intro, 65 minutes of questions, and an optional 15-minute break at the halfway point (after six sections). Plan to log in to your CASPer account approximately thirty minutes before scheduled test time and ensure computer, webcam, and internet connection are in working order for the test	All test takers must have a working webcam. It must be active uncovered and facing towards the test taker during the duration of the exam.	There is a \$10 non-refundable fee for American test takers. With an additional \$ 10 fee for every school test takers distribute their results to

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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 4220) , BIOL 2060, and BIOL 2080	Begin shadowing and accruing DPCH , leadership opportunities; work with PHPA on personal statement and 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	Health Insurance
Complete: BIOL 3250 (if planning on taking BIOL 4220), BIOL 4220 or 2100, and PHYT 3020	Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working on DPCH and shadowing	Complete: any remaining major requirements	Submit CASPA Application and all required materials. CASPA application opens Mid-April	All applicants must provide proof that they have and are maintain health insurance, failure to maintain coverage will result in seat forfeiture

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. Students who complete their undergraduate degree or coursework outside U.S. must have the transcript verified by WES	Not required for consideration for admission*	2 Letters of recommendation are required. Letters must be submitted via the CASPA application for consideration
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications		
Application	Cost	Prerequisite Screening
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. Official transcripts are only accepted via the CASPA application, CBU will not accept transcripts	CASPA Application fee \$179 plus \$55 for each additional school	Background Check, Child Abuse Clearance, Drug Screening, and Medical Clearance are all required upon admission. Any applicant unable to pass any screening will forfeit offered seat
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Interview	Decisions	Deposit
Competitive applicants will be offered a day-long interview. Applicants must take the CASPer test before they can be considered for an interview. If offered an interview, applicant will be notified in writing what interview days are available	Interviewed applicants will be notified in writing of the Admissions Committee decision shortly after the interview. Interviewed applicants will be accepted, conditionally accepted, waitlisted, or denied. Applicants on the waitlist will be reconsidered after each interview day. Offers will be extended on a rolling admissions basis	All accepted students must pay \$750 deposit fee within 2 weeks of receiving acceptance letter- this is non refundable
* A majority of PA programs require GRE scores taken 5 years or less from the time of application for consideration for admission. Discuss taking GRE with the Pre-Health Professions Advisor if planning on applying to additional programs		

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**** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information**