

# Lipscomb University Physician Assistant Studies 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)	
ENGL 1010: English Composition I or ENGL 1011: English Composition I w/Writing Tutorial (3-4 credit hours)	ENGL 1020: English Composition II (3 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)	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
BIOL 1130: Principles of Biology III (3 credit hours)**	Developmental Psychology Course (PSY 2220 Recommended)
Third Year	
BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours)***	BIOL 4280: Cellular Biology (4 credit hours)***
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)***	
Fourth Year	
BIOL 4710: Histology, BIOL 4720: Immunology, BIOL 4740: Virology, BIOL 4760: Human Infectious Diseases (3 credit hours)***	
<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>** Courses not required for program but are prerequisites for a required BIOL courses</i></p> <p><i>*** Lipscomb requires at least 8 hours of BIOL courses with a lab. This timeline showcases all options at UTC. Human based Biology is preferred, additional BIOL courses can be taken about the 8 hour requirement</i></p>	

### Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) Requirements

#### DPCH

No minimum number of hours is required, preferred experiences are those that show quality patient interaction and the development of a deep understanding of patient care and working on a healthcare team. Hours will be asked about during the interview process. Average number of hours completed by an admitted PA student for incoming 2019 class: 1,626

#### Shadowing Requirements

Shadowing is required but no min number of hours. Preference given to quality interactions with a practicing PA. Hours will be asked about during the interview process. Average number of hours completed by incoming 2019 class: 90

#### Logging and Verifying Hours

DPCH must be logged and verified in the CASPA application. Be detailed in your experiences, hours may not be accepted if they are not logged in CASPA.

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## Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

<b>Year 1 Classes</b>	<b>Year 1 Experience</b>	<b>Year 2 Classes</b>	<b>Year 2 Experience</b>
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology PSY 1010, Math, English 1010 & 1020 and Statistics	Join clubs/get involved. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop. Begin locating PA's to shadow and venues for DPCH	Complete: Dev. PSY, CHEM 3010, CHEM 3020, BIOL 2060 & 2080, and BIOL 1130 (Pre-req. for BIOL 3250 and BIOL 4220)	Shadowing and DPCH and leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Participate in GRE prep. Identify recommenders

## Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

<b>Year 3 Classes</b>	<b>Year 3 Experience</b>	<b>Year 4 Classes</b>	<b>Year 4- Experience</b>	<b>Rolling Admissions</b>
Complete: Selected Biology courses	Secure letters of recommendation, continuing working on DPCE and shadowing	Complete remaining major requirements	Complete Shadowing and DPCE by middle of spring term; prepare application materials and submit CASPA	Lipscomb Practices rolling admissions, apply early as cohort may be full by application deadline.

## Application Breakdown

<b>Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility</b>			
GRE	GPA Requirements and Prerequisite Information	Letters of Recommendation	Online, Hybrid, and AP courses
Not required for admission*	3.0 cumulative GPA required, C or better in all prerequisite courses to be eligible for admission. All prerequisites must be completed at a US school, and can be no older than 7 years. Older courses must be repeated	3 required, it is recommended at least 1 be from a PA. Letters submitted via CASPA Application	No online or hybrid science courses permitted, non Science (excluding math) may be taken online. Statistics and Psychology are the only AP courses accepted
<b>*A majority of PA Programs require GRE scores taken 5 years or less from the time of application for consideration for admission. Discuss taking the GRE with the Pre-Health advisor if planning to apply to multiple programs</b>			

Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications		
Application	Cost	Supplemental Application
New CASPA Application required every year - Opens Mid-April. All applications must be submitted by Nov. 1. Any applications not verified by 11:59pm CST will not be considered	CASPA Application fee \$179 plus \$55 for each additional school.	There is no supplemental application for admission
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Interview	Decision	
Lipscomb operates on a rolling admissions basis with typically one interview per month starting in August and going through February/March. It is a one-step interview day with a few acceptances going out after each interview day, but most candidates are given a status of Hold (not a waitlist) until all interviews are done. The entire class is not filled until all scheduled interviews have been held	Students offered admission are contacted via phone. Those place on "Hold" are notified via email	
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information		