

Lincoln Memorial University Physician Assistant Program (Harrogate)

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) <i>Recommended</i>	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i>
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) <i>Recommended</i>	CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals or community college medical terminology course (2 credit hours)	
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 4280: Cellular Biology (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
Fourth Year	
PSY 3080: Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	BIOL 4710: Histology, BIOL 4720: Immunology and/or BIOL 4740: Virology (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</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	
** BIOL 1130 not required for program but is prerequisites for a recommended course, BIOL 3250	

Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) Requirements

DPCH	Shadowing Requirements
Minimum of 150 verifiable hours DPCH. Hours must be completed by April 15 of application year. Hours can be earned in either a paid or volunteer capacity	Minimum of 40 verifiable hours shadowing a PA. 20 of the 40 hours must be shadowing PA in a primary care setting. If applicant is working directly with a PA 160 total hours prior to matriculation is acceptable. It is strongly encouraged that at least half of shadowing hours completed by interview date

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 w/in 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	Year 3 Classes
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology (Pre-Requisite for BIOL 3250 which is strongly encouraged), 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: Dev. PSY course, CHEM 3010, (CHEM 3020 if planning on taking CHEM 4510 which is encouraged) BIOL 2060 & 2080, and BIOL 1130	Begin shadowing and accruing DPCH and leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Participate in GRE prep. Identify recommenders	Complete: BIOL 4220 or 2100, CHEM 4510 (if applicable), BIOL 4250, BIOL 4280, and Med Term

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

Year 3 Experience	Year 4 Classes	Year 4- Experience	Logging and Verifying Hours	Rolling Admissions
Study for GRE and complete between 3rd & 4th yr. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working on DPCH and shadowing	Complete PSY 3080, BIOL 4710, 4720, and/or BIOL 4740, and remaining major requirements	Complete Shadowing and DPCH by middle of spring term. Prepare application materials and submit CASPA	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.	Rolling Admission process, applicants are encouraged to apply early. Applications are only reviewed after both CASPA and LMU-SMS application has been received

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility			
GRE	GPA Requirements	Letters of Recommendation	Prerequisite and International Courses
Must be taken within 5 years of application date. Scores must be sent to CASPA, LMU school code is 0565. 150 Verbal, 150 Quantitative and 4.0 for writing is considered a competitive score	Overall Science GPA: min of 2.8. If science GPA is below 2.8, but graduate courses have been taken in the sciences, up to 15 hours can be used to boost GPA. Competitive Science GPA starts at 3.2. C or better in all Prerequisite courses is required	3 letters submitted via CASPA. 1 from a PA, 1 from a medical professional, and 1 from academic advisor, math/science faculty, or current/recent employer	No online or hybrid science courses accepted. Non Science (excluding math) may be taken online. Science courses can be no older than 5 years. All courses must be completed and degrees confirmed before matriculation. International coursework must be evaluated by WES . Non-native English speakers must submit TOEFL and TSE scores
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. Applications will not be processed until supplemental application is received	CASPA Application fee \$179 plus \$55 for each additional school. Supplemental application has a cost of \$50 (no cash accepted)	Provided on the program website, be sure to select the Harrogate location. Supplemental applications must be completed and mailed. Deadline for receiving supplemental applications is Dec 1	
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision			
Interview	Decision	Alternate List	
Interviews conducted between Sept-Feb and held in Harrogate. Those selected will be contacted via phone or email to schedule	All applicants are notified in writing of the admissions committee decision if interviewed. Those offered admission must accept by deadline noted in offer letter	Applicants not immediately offered admission can be placed on alternate list. List is reviewed at regular intervals during admit cycle, candidate will be notified to their status prior to matriculation of the cohort they interviewed for	
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information			