

# South College 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)	
Social Science (SSCI) General Education Course**	Humanities (FAH) General Education Course**
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) <i>Recommended</i>	
Third Year	
BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	
Social Science (SSCI) General Education Course**	Humanities (FAH) General Education Course**
Fourth Year	
BIOL 4720: Immunology (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	
** South College requires the completion of at least 6 hours of Humanities (FAH) and Social Sciences (SSCI). UTC's General Education Requirements will meet this prerequisite	

### Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) Requirements

DPCH	Average Hours Completed	Logging and Verifying Hours
No minimum number of hours 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.	Avg. completed hours by admitted students: DPCH: 1000 Shadowing: 50-70	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.

### 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 <a href="#">GRE Fee Reduction Request</a>	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

<b>Year 1 Classes</b>	<b>Year 1 Experience</b>	<b>Year 2 Classes</b>	<b>Year 2 Experience</b>	<b>Year 3 Classes</b>
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology, FAH/SSCI (1-2 courses), Math, English 1010 & 1020 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: CHEM 3010, CHEM 3020, 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 3250, BIOL 2100 or 4220, CHEM 4510, and FAH/SSCI (1-2 courses)

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

<b>Year 3 Experience</b>	<b>Year 4 Classes</b>	<b>Year 4- Experience</b>	<b>Certification Requirements</b>	<b>VET-UP Program</b>
Study for GRE and complete between 3rd and 4th year; secure letters of recommendation; continuing working on DPCH and shadowing	Complete remaining major requirements, and BIOL 4720	Complete Shadowing and DPCH by middle of spring term; prepare application materials and submit CASPA	Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (BLS) certification from the American Heart Association upon matriculation; BLS courses are offered during orientation	For medics and corpsmen who have prior military medical experience. Please contact the School of Physician Assistant Studies directly about this specific program

## Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility			
GRE	GPA Requirements	Letters of Recommendation	Military and Other Experiences/Credit
School Code: 1635. Scores must be marked as official in CASPA to be considered. MCAT is not accepted in place of GRE. If multiple attempts on the GRE are made the highest score for each section will be counted	Minimum overall GPA 2.75-4.0. Prerequisite GPA 2.75-4.0. Minimum Science GPA 2.75	3 required, at least 1 is recommended to be from a PA. Must be submitted via CASPA Application, additional letters can be sent directly to South College	Additional consideration is given to applicants with military medical experience. International Medical credit is not recognized as accepted credit. Transfer credit from another PA or MD program is not recognized as credit
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications			
Application	Cost		Supplemental Application
Must fill out CASPA, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and GRE scores all submitted to CASPA. Courses completed after CASPA submission must have official transcript sent to South College directly. Applicants are notified via email once their application is complete. Deadline for submission is March 1	CASPA Application fee \$179 plus \$55 for each additional school.		All applicants are required to submit <a href="#">supplemental application</a> . Applications are not considered complete until supplemental application is received. There is a \$95 application fee
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision			
Interview	Decision		Waitlist
Applicants moving forward will be contacted to schedule an interview. Held Jan through May, candidates are notified 3-4 weeks prior to interview date. Group interview with faculty, medical terminology quiz, writing sample are part of the interview process	Applicants who interview are notified that day whether they are accepted, denied, or waitlisted		Applicants placed on the waitlist can still gain admission South College pulls regularly from the waitlist; waitlists number varies by year
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information			