

# Meharry Medical College 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>	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours) <i>Recommended</i>
BIOL 1130: Principles of Biology III (3 credit hours)**	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)
Third Year	
BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours)**	Upper Level Psychology Course (3 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>
CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (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>	PHYT 3020: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals or community college medical terminology course (2 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 a prerequisite for strongly recommended course, BIOL 3250	

## Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) Requirements

No Minimum number of hours for Direct Patient Care required at this time. This is a developing program and requirements can update at any time pending accreditation of the program

## 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>
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology, PSY 1010 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: CHEM 3010, CHEM 3020 (if planning to complete BIOL 4510), BIOL 2060 & 2080, BIOL 1130 (if planning to take BIOL 4220), Dev. or Lifespan PSY	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

<b>Year 3 Classes</b>	<b>Year 3 Experience</b>	<b>Year 4 Class</b>	<b>Year 4- Experience</b>	<b>GPA Requirement</b>
Complete: BIOL 3250 (if planning to complete BIOL 4220), BIOL 2100 or 4220, CHEM 4510, and upper level psychology course (developmental PSY recommended)	Study for GRE and complete between 3rd & 4th yr. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working on DPCH and shadowing	Complete: PHYT1030, BIOL 4720, and remaining major requirements	Submit CASPA Application and all required materials. CASPA application opens Mid-April	Minimum science and overall GPA of 2.75 (A 2.75 GPA for last 60 hours of coursework will be considered for candidates with less than a 2.75 cumulative undergraduate GPA)

## Application Breakdown

<b>Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility</b>		
Personal Statement	GRE	Letters of Recommendation
Personal Statement is required and will be a response to a writing prompt provided	Required for admission. GRE code for Meharry is: 1458	3 Letters of Recommendation (1) from a healthcare provider, (1) from an educator and (1) from a person that can attest to personal character and work ethic. Letters from family members are not accepted
<b>Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications</b>		
Application	Cost	Secondary Application
New CASPA Application required every year - Opens Mid-April. All applications must be submitted and ALL materials verified by March 1 to be considered for admission	CASPA Application fee \$179 plus \$55 for each additional school. \$75 supplemental application fee	Applicants will be notified of the supplemental component upon verification of the CASPA application.
<b>Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision</b>		
Acceptance Information		
Pending Accreditation Approval first class will start in Jan 2020. Information about Interview and Decision Process will be available after accreditation is granted		
<b>** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information</b>		