

Milligan College Physician Assistant (MSPAS) 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)
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 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 or SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology or ANTH 1000: Mysteries of the Human Journey (3 credit hours)
Second Year	
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab <i>Recommended</i> (4 Credit Hours)***
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 3250: Genetics (3 credit hours)	Developmental Psychology Course (3 credit hours)
THSP 1090: Public Speaking (3 credit hours)	BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)
Fourth Year	
CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (4 credit hours) (CHEM 3010/3010L or CHEM 4510 required)	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 1120, BIOL 1130, and BIOL 3250 are prerequisites for BIOL 4220	
*** CHEM 3020 is a prerequisite for CHEM 4510, and BIOL 4220.	

Direct Patient Care Hours (DPCH) and Certification Requirements

DPCH	Basic Cardiac Life Support	Logging and Verifying Hours
Minimum of 300 verifiable hours in direct patient care or observation. Experience in both, and additional hours are encouraged	Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (BLS) certification from the American Heart Association required upon matriculation	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.

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
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology (if taking BIOL 2100 only BIOL 1110 needs to be taken) , English, PSY/SOC/ANTH, 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

Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Year 4 Class	Year 4- Experience	GPA Requirement
Complete: BIOL 3250 (if planning to complete BIOL 4220), BIOL 2100 or 4220, and THSP1090	Study for GRE and complete between 3rd & 4th yr. Secure letters of recommendation. Continuing working on DPCH and shadowing	Complete: PHYT1030, CHEM 4510 if applicable, and remaining major requirements	Submit CASPA Application and all required materials. CASPA application opens Mid-April	Minimum of 3.0 in science courses to apply

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility		
International Students	GRE	Letters of Recommendation
International students whose native language is not English or do not hold a bachelor's degree completed in the U.S. must also provide proof of TOEFL) score of at least 79, or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of at least 6.5	A min. composite score of 289 will be accepted, and the exam must have been taken within the past five years. GRE scores are to be submitted directly through CASPA. The Milligan College PA GRE code is 7342	Three completed reference forms through CASPA from persons who have adequate knowledge of the applicant's Christian commitment, character, and professional qualities of potential for success as a graduate student. At least one reference must be from someone with/for whom the applicant has worked/volunteered in a health care setting
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications		
Application	Cost	Secondary Application
New CASPA Application required every year - Opens Mid-April. All applications must be submitted and ALL materials verified by Sept 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.
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision		
Interview	Decisions	Deposit
Selected candidates invited to all day interview. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as Milligan College has rolling admission	Applicants are notified after interview. Due to rolling admissions class could fill up before deadline to apply	Students offered admission must pay non-refundable \$1000 deposit applied to their account upon matriculation
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information		