

Pre-Physicians Assistant Program

Physician Assistant (PA) school is just one of many options open to you when you earn a degree in Applied Science. UW-Stout's Applied Science program provides you with everything you need to enter PA school. However, some things you should keep in mind include:

Do you enjoy biology, chemistry, and math?

Are you prepared for the extracurricular activities that enhance your application to your PA program?

Are you willing to set aside time to become active in your community?



PA schools are competitive and therefore look for well-rounded students. You should focus on several things, such as excelling in your courses, maintaining a good grade point average, and being active in your community. Regional examples of PA schools are listed below, but keep in mind many other choices exist. Check out other schools through the <http://www.aapa.org/>

Admission Statistics for Physicians Assistant School

	Number Applicants	Number Accepted	Avg. GPA	Avg. GRE
University of La Crosse/Mayo		16	3.56	1240
Des Moines University	397	69		1040
University of Iowa-Carver Medical		25	3.64	1178
Central Michigan University			3.53	1012

Note: All schools require service hours to be completed before entrance into program. University of La Crosse/Mayo applicants have on average 2200 service hours completed. Central Michigan University applicants must have 100 hours finished before applying. Des Moines University requires that applicants have 750 patient hours completed before applying. The U of I-Carver Medical College requires 1,000 hours of direct patient care to apply.

Semesters Required for Entrance Into PA School

UW-Stout courses to fulfill requirements for entrance into Physicians Assistant school*

	Biology BIO-135, 136	Anatomy and Physiology BIO-234/362	Microbiology BIO-306	Genetics BIO-332	General Chem CHEM-	Organic Chem CHEM-201, 204/206	Biochemistry CHEM-311	Calculus MATH-153, 154	Statistics STATS-320	Medical Terminology FN-207	General Psych PSYCH-110	Developmental Psych PSYCH-	Abnormal Psych PSYCH-361
University of La Crosse/Mayo†	1	2	1		1	1	1	1			1	R	R
Des Moines University	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
University of Iowa-Carver Medical		1	R	R	2	2	1	1					
Augsburg University		1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Central Michigan University		2			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

*This is a general guideline that is subject to change, please review specific program requirements.

†- La Crosse/Mayo requires one additional upper level biology class

R- Recommended

Note: Other upper level science courses are highly recommended by all professional physicians assistant programs. Courses such as English, social sciences, and humanities are also required for entry into physicians assistant programs.

Important Factors to Consider

Internship- The Applied Science program requires an internship to graduate, so students interested in PA school should seek an experience in that field related to that profession.

Volunteer Experience- It is recommended that students show an interest in the medical profession through volunteer experiences within the community.

Research- Research experiences are provided to enhance a student's professional development. Students should seek out research activities early on to provide opportunities to publish peer-reviewed papers and present at regional and national meetings.

Testing- GRE The Graduate Record Examination measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and critical thinking and analytical writing skills. More information on the GRE can be found at www.ets.org.