

Pre-Physician Assistant Track

The Warner Pacific Pre-Physician Assistant Track allows for students to complete their prerequisite coursework, earn a baccalaureate degree, and obtain assistance with the physician assistant school preparation, selection, and application process.

Students who enter this track are seeking to become physician assistants (PA). Physician assistants are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision but are often able to operate independently in a variety of medical specialties. Given the emphasis on biomedical sciences, this track is ideal for students who are Biological Sciences: Human Biology Emphasis majors.

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Students must complete a bachelor's degree including a specific set of prerequisite courses, before matriculating to a professional school to earn their Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree. Students on this track select to complete their bachelor's degree prior to matriculation, which is required. The requirements in this pre-professional track meet prerequisite requirements of local physician assistant programs including Pacific University, Oregon Health and Sciences University, and George Fox University in Oregon. Students are responsible for researching requirements at the schools in which they are interested and adding any necessary extra coursework.

In addition to completing the courses listed below, Pre-Physician Assistant Track students also complete the requirements for a major as well as other graduation requirements. Majors highly compatible with this track (meaning there is ample course crossover) include Biological Sciences. This track can be applied to any traditional undergraduate major.

Required Coursework		50
• BIO 211, 212	General Biology I, II with lab	4, 4
• BIO 221, 222	Anatomy and Physiology I, II with lab	4, 4
• BIO 250	Genetics with lab	4
• BIO 370	Microbiology with lab	4
• CHEM 211, 212	General Chemistry I, II with lab	4, 4
• CHEM 301, 302	Organic Chemistry I, II with lab	4, 4
• CHEM 412	Biochemistry I with lab	4
• MA 242	Introduction to Statistics	3
• PSY 140	General Psychology	3

Additional Items to Consider

This is a competitive masters level program. Students will often need a GPA minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for admission, may need to take the GRE, and need up to 2 years of professional health care experience. Additional requirements and information are located here:

<https://pacaonline.org/our-programs>.