

**Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Physician Assistant Program – Admissions Requirements**

Natural Sciences:

General Biology with labs (2 courses)	8 semester hours
Microbiology with lab	4 semester hours
Anatomy with lab (or A&P I with lab)	4 semester hours
Physiology with lab (or A&P 2 with lab)	4 semester hours
General Chemistry with labs (2 courses)	8 semester hours
Organic Chemistry with lab	4 semester hours
General Biochemistry (lab not required)	3-4 semester hours

Additional Course Requirements:

Intro or General Psychology	3 semester hours
Developmental or Abnormal Psychology	3 semester hours
English Composition	6 semester hours
Statistics or Biostatistics	3 semester hours

Candidates may strengthen their application by completing any of the following recommended courses: Cell Biology, Embryology, Endocrinology, Ethics, Genetics, Histology, Immunology, Neuroscience, Organic Chemistry II, or Speech.

1. All anatomy, physiology and microbiology coursework must be completed within the last 10 years.
2. Survey courses do not meet the prerequisite requirement.
3. Online coursework will not satisfy laboratory course requirements.
4. International applicants must also meet additional requirements regarding foreign course evaluations and English proficiency (TOEFL).
5. Only grades of C or better are acceptable for prerequisite coursework.
6. Applicants may be “conditionally” accepted with up to two prerequisite courses pending; however all the coursework must be completed prior to matriculation.
7. The PA program does not award advanced placement in the program or transfer credits.

Additional Requirements:

1. Preferred cumulative undergraduate (and relevant Science related graduate degree) GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and undergraduate Natural Science GPA of 2.75 or better.
2. Completion of a Bachelor’s of Science/ Arts degree from an accredited university.
3. Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores from the general test, including the verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections. Preference given to applicants whose combined scores are 1000 or above for the verbal and quantitative sections. In certain circumstances, special consideration will be given to highly qualified candidates with GRE score <1000. Scores from all three sections must be submitted for application consideration.
4. Three References – one from a PA or physician, one from a university instructor, one additional non-relative.
5. Clinical Experience demonstrating direct patient care (1,000 hours preferred). The following are some accepted categories for experience:

EMT / Paramedic	Hospice Volunteer	Physical Therapy Assistant
Registered Nurse	Pharmacist	Clinical Health Educator
Licensed Practical Nurse	Medical Technician	Dietician
Medical Assistant	X-ray Technician	Emergency Room Technician
Physical Therapist	Phlebotomist	Psychologist
Occupational Therapist	Surgical Technician	Patient Care Technician
Medical Corpsman	Peace Corps Volunteer	Athletic Trainer
Respiratory Therapist	Nursing Assistant	