

Pre-physician assistant at Clemson University

Plan your path

Core prerequisites checklist
for many physician assistant
programs:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Anatomy and physiology
- Physics
- Microbiology
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Calculus
- Economics
- Statistics
- Composition
- Literature
- Communication
- Liberal arts electives (per school requirements)

These additional courses
may be required by select
schools:

- Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Lifespan/developmental psychology
- Medical terminology
- Ethics

Prerequisites vary by school. Please refer
to your preferred school's website for
detailed requirement information.

With the rising demand for health care providers, there is a growing need for physician assistants. PAs provide access to quality health care and are licensed to diagnose and treat illness and disease and to provide medication for patients.

There are many reasons students choose a career as a physician assistant. PA programs typically require two years of graduate schooling, and PAs can treat patients with significant autonomy. PAs can increase access to health care in rural and under-served communities that have an increasing need for health care providers.



Applying to physician assistant programs

In addition to doing well academically, especially in science courses, students should have strong clinical experience. Successful candidates demonstrate a strong motivation for the field, interact well with others and are compassionate and service-oriented.

Gain experience

- ▶ Job shadow a physician assistant.
- ▶ Apply for internships in a health care facility that has physician assistants.
- ▶ Seek opportunities for research experience.
- ▶ Earn relevant certifications like CNA, EMT, MA, medical scribe or phlebotomy.

Find out more

The American Academy of Physician Assistants provides resources for students considering becoming a physician assistant as a career.

- ▶ Visit aapa.org for more information.

Physician assistant career options

- ▶ Physicians' office
- ▶ Medical clinics
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Clinical trial researchers
- ▶ Educators
- ▶ Epidemiologists
- ▶ Public health directors

PA programs in South Carolina

- ▶ University of South Carolina
- ▶ Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
- ▶ Francis Marion University
- ▶ Charleston Southern University
- ▶ North Greenville University
- ▶ Presbyterian College



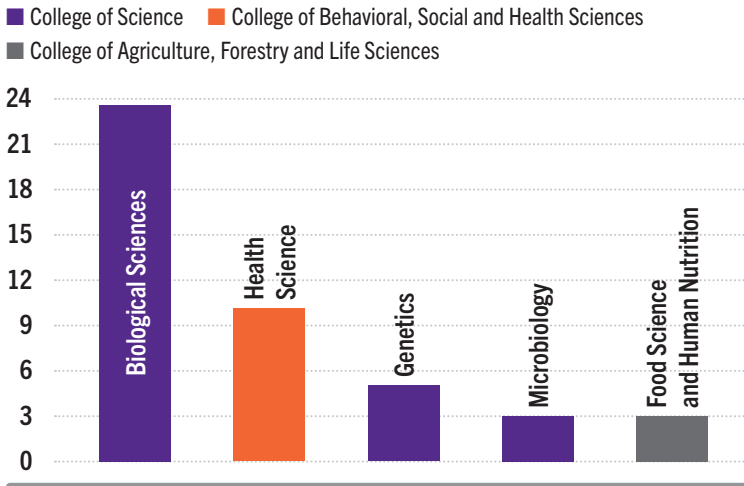
To learn more, connect with Clemson's future physician assistants organization
Instagram: [@paws4pa](https://www.instagram.com/paws4pa)

Or contact Health Professions Advising
Email: cuhpa@clemson.edu



Physician assistant matriculation profile

Accepted undergraduate students by major



Average GPA

of accepted Clemson students

3.73

306

Average overall GRE

of accepted Clemson students

Average writing GRE

of accepted Clemson students

4

\$125,270

average physician assistant salary

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022

Average acceptance rate

National average

38%

Clemson average

64%

Clemson average is higher than the national average

Source: CASPA

+26%

Where students matriculate

Students most frequently attend these schools after Clemson:

- ▶ Medical University of South Carolina
- ▶ North Greenville University
- ▶ Gardner-Webb University
- ▶ Wingate University

Projected growth in employment 2021–31: **28%**

Top opportunities

Top employment opportunities for physician assistants:

- ▶ Physician offices
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Outpatient care centers
- ▶ Colleges, universities and professional schools

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