



Admission Requirements Advising Worksheet

Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Required Prerequisite Courses*		
Course & Enrollment Details	Required Credits**	Earned Credits/Grade
Human Anatomy & Physiology I (with lab required)	4	
Human Anatomy & Physiology II (with lab required)	4	
<i>(above courses must be from the following departments: Biology, Physiology, Zoology, or an Allied Health Program)</i>		
Microbiology (with lab) - 1 semester	3	
Genetics - 1 semester	3	
CHEMISTRY (labs recommended) - 2 OPTIONS BELOW	8	
1. Organic Chemistry - 2 semesters (1 year sequence)		
2. Organic Chemistry AND Biochemistry - 1 semester of each (1 year sequence)		
MATH - BOTH REQUIRED		
1. Pre-calculus (includes: functions, trigonometry, exponents, and logarithmic functions) or higher	3	
2. Statistics / Probability	3	
Psychology - 1 semester (developmental or abnormal highly recommended)	3	
Social Science (other than Psychology)	3	
Examples: Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, or Economics		
Medical Terminology - Online courses are acceptable	1	
English Composition - 1 semester	3	

Required Academic Standings		
	Current Status	Requirement Met?
Bachelor's Degree (upon matriculation)		
3.0 Minimum Overall GPA		
3.0 Minimum Science GPA		
No Science Courses with a C- or Below		

Required Experience Hours		
	Current Hours	Requirement Met?
Minimum 1500 hours of paid, direct, hands-on Clinical Patient Care experience prior to CASPA application submission.		
<i>The higher the quality of patient care experience, the more competitive the applicant will be judged. However, all applicants with direct patient care and high quality patient interactions are encouraged to apply. (Example positions: CNA, MA, AT ERT, RN, LPN, paramedic, phlebotomist)</i>		

Other Requirements		
		Completed?
CASPA Application submitted to Rocky Mountain College		
Three (3) reference letters submitted to CASPA, one (1) of which must be from a Health Care Provider, preferably from a physician assistant.		
Personal Statement Essay submitted to CASPA.		
If English is not the first language, a TOEFL score must meet standard requirements of Rocky Mountain College.		

*All prerequisite courses are required to be taken in person, unless otherwise noted that online format is allowed.

**Required prerequisite credits are based on semesterly credit hours, please convert any quarterly hours to semesterly hours via the table below to determine if requirements are met.

Quarterly to Semesterly Credit Hour Conversion Table	
Quarter	Semester
1	0.7
2	1.3
3	2
4	2.7
5	3.3

Additional Application & Admission Stipulations:

- All required materials must be submitted to CASPA by October 1st for admission consideration for the incoming cohort starting in June the following year.
- In addition to the CASPA application fee, a non-refundable RMC program application fee is required once the application has been submitted.
- We do not enforce an expiration date for prerequisites. However, candidates whose prerequisite course work is older than 10 years are strongly encouraged to consider updating these core science courses.
- We highly encourage one year of undergraduate physics, additional quantitative courses, laboratory experiences, and more writing/composition courses.
- We strongly encourage candidates to have a minimum of 40 hours shadowing PA's in a variety of settings, including a Primary Care setting. These hours are due at the time of submission of your application to CASPA.
- No advanced placement or transfer credit may be applied toward fulfilling the MPAS curriculum.
- Graduates of Rocky Mountain College who have met all requirements for admission and have earned a bachelor's degree with a minimum of 60 credits earned at RMC will be granted an automatic interview. Please note, this interview DOES NOT guarantee acceptance into the program - students will compete with all other interviewing students for matriculating status.
- Students selected for admission to the PA program are required to submit final official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities. Only transcripts received directly from colleges/universities are considered official, and copies submitted to CASPA do not fulfill this requirement.
- Failure to submit mandatory transcripts or fulfill any other requirements specified in a conditional offer of admission to the program prior to scheduled class matriculation will result in revocation of the conditional offer.
- Modifications to the admissions requirements can be made at any time at the discretion of the program. Please contact the admissions office or the program directly with any questions or requests for clarification.

Note: This worksheet is only a tool to help in the admissions advising process. Please refer to the Physician Assistant Requirements listed directly on CASPA , the rocky.edu website, or reach out to the program directly to verify current admissions policies.

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