

Physician Assistant timeline

Freshman Year

Fall

- Visit PREPs to discuss your pre-professional path & create your parallel plan
- Complete BIOL-K101
- Complete CHEM-C105 and C125
- Complete ENG-W131
- Find local pre-PA clubs

Spring

- Research summer experience-based opportunities
- Visit PREPs for assistance with your summer plans
- Complete BIOL-K103
- Complete CHEM C106 & C126
- Complete COM-R180 or COM-R110

Summer

- Volunteer or work in a healthcare setting to begin accumulating patient-care hours (between 500-1000+*).
- Use our volunteer directory located at SciencePREPs.iupui.edu

Sophomore Year

Fall

- Get involved with your pre-health club, volunteer
- Complete CHEM-C341 & C343
- Complete BIOL-N261
- Visit PREPs and make sure you are on track with your parallel plan

Spring

- Lock in a health-related opportunity for the summer
- Take a GRE practice test
- Research and visit PA schools of interest
- Complete BIOL-N217
- Complete BIOL-K356/357 or MICR-J210

Summer

- Choose a GRE preparation option, such as a tutor, a course or a book
- Complete your health-related summer opportunity
- Continue accumulating patient-care hours

Junior Year

Fall

- Register for the GRE
- Complete a Stats or Biostats class and a Medical Terminology class
- Visit PREPs for information on letters of recommendation, personal statements and more

Spring

- Take the GRE
- Meet with your advisor & make sure you're on track
- Contact PREPs and schedule a Mock Interview
- Complete a Psychology or Sociology class and a Health/Nutrition course

Summer

- Complete your personal statement and have it reviewed by PREPs
- Complete your CASPA application
- Take the GRE (if you haven't already)
- Purchase an interview suit

Senior Year

Fall

- Begin secondary applications and school interviews
- If not called to interview, begin working on your alternative plan: research companies or other graduate programs and work on your resume

Spring

- Make a final decision as to your plans for the fall
- Complete your financial aid forms if going to school
- Have your resume reviewed at PREPs if job searching
- Make plans for the summer

Summer

- Make appropriate living arrangements for the fall
- If attending school, purchase books and equipment, and attend your orientation program
- If working, make sure you have a work wardrobe

* Schools have different requirements; be sure to check with your schools of interest