

Physician Assistant Planning Guide

- As you begin this Planning Guide, consider what [PA schools](#) you plan to apply to, as that will drive your choice of prerequisite courses.

Part 1: Academic Information and Coursework

Name:	Email:
Major(s):	Year in School:
Minor(s):	Current GPA:
Previous Degrees:	Expected Graduation Date:
State of Residence:	Expected Date of Application:

Academics and Prerequisites	Courses Completed or In Progress:	Grade	Courses Planned:
<p>Status of prerequisite courses for medical schools I'm targeting. Include grade received and term completed.</p> <p>Prerequisites can vary from one school to another; research those programs to which you are interested in applying. Visit Augsburg's PA Studies to find their prerequisites.</p>	Ex. BIO 151	A-	

Part 2: Experiences

This is not a checklist. These activities should be a reflection of your interests and passions. Pay particular attention to direct patient care experiences, because many schools may require a specific number of hours to apply.

Experiences	Completed or In-Progress:	Time (length of commitment):	New or Future experiences you plan to gain & when:
Work Employer, position			
Volunteer Organization, position			
Shadowing Who (and their degree), where, when			
Research Where, topic			
Learning Abroad Destination, topics studied			
Student Organizations Organization, position			
Other Experiences?			

Part 3: Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation	List the people you plan to ask to write you a letter. Describe who they are and why you are choosing them.
<p>Identify 2-3 people who could complete a letter of recommendation for you. Here is some advice on letters of evaluation from the URGO website:</p> <p>Student Evaluation Guidelines</p> <p>Faculty Evaluation Guidelines - Students should share the faculty evaluation guidelines with those who have agreed to write letters of</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.

Part 4: Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

GRE	
The GRE general test is required by some PA schools. Check to see if it is required by the schools on your list. Even if a school does not require the GRE, your score is visible on CASPA.	Practice test(s): Verbal Reasoning Score ____ Quantitative Reasoning Score ____ Analytical Writing ____
	I plan to take the GRE on the following date: If already completed, list your score. Please list your scores by section: Verbal Reasoning Score ____ Quantitative Reasoning Score ____ Analytical Writing ____

Part 5: PA School Research

When researching physician assistant schools that you would like to apply to, it can be helpful to compare different schools. In the following table, we included some criteria that may be helpful in determining the competitiveness of your profile overall.

School Name	Prerequisites	GRE	GPA	Science GPA	Experiences	Direct Patient Care Hours

Other Criteria:

Feel free to add other criteria to the table above (or make a new one) to consider other criteria.

- Application Fee
- Tuition
- Financial aid options
- Number of applicants / Percent accepted
- Institutional mission
- Student body/school size
- Acceptance rate of residents vs. non-residents
- Research opportunities
- Diversity of student body
- Location and climate

