

Required Prerequisites at SIUC for Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPA):

Admission Criteria: All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School. For more information visit: <http://paprogram.siu.edu/>. Please contact the SIU SOM PA Program for a final list of prerequisites and other information. The Program Advisor can be contacted at paadvisement-L@listserv.siu.edu

Applicants to the seven-semester **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPA)** Program should hold a **Bachelor's degree** from an accredited college or university by the time of matriculation to the graduate PA program. The Master's Program is 26 months long (7 semesters). The first year is completed on campus in Carbondale. The subsequent months are spent at a rotation site determined later in the program. Other requirements:

1. Medical Terminology (class or proficiency), **(HIT 111)**
2. Chemistry/Biochemistry (two semesters of general, organic or inorganic); **(CHM 121, 123, 222 and 223)**
3. General Psychology – one semester; **(PSY 121)**
4. Human Physiology – one semester (upper level preferred);
5. Human Anatomy – one semester (upper level with cadaver lab preferred); (Anatomy and Physiology within five years old) **(BIO 244 and BIO 245)**
6. Microbiology – one semester; **(BIO 246)**
7. General Biology for science majors or Cell and Molecular Biology – one semester; **(BIO 161)**
8. Statistics or Research Methods – one semester (should be within five years of admission); **(MTH 222)**
9. English Composition – one semester; **(ENG 121)**
11. Basic Cardiac Life Support - Certification in CPR for healthcare providers
12. Genetics, pharmacology, pathophysiology and biochemistry, although not required, are highly recommended before matriculation.
 - All Anatomy and Physiology must be completed within five years of matriculation.
 - All prerequisite coursework must be complete by the end of the fall term prior to matriculation; with the exception of Medical Terminology and CPR for healthcare providers that can be taken in the following spring semester.
 - Only grades of "C" or better will be accepted for transfer.
 - The cumulative GPA for your Bachelor's degree must be at least 3.2. Prerequisites and Science Course GPA's must be at least a 3.2.
 - Applicants should have significant health care experience, with preference given to candidates with at least 2000 hours of documented work.
 - Applicants must submit test scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
 - The application process is open once per year; beginning on April 27 and ending on the published date. You [must apply to the Graduate School](#) and have a completed, verified CASPA application by the stated application deadline. Please Note: This information is subject to change.