

Course Requirements For Transfer Majors

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

The American Academy of Physician Assistants accredits programs throughout the country. Local colleges and universities that offer Physician Assistant (PA) programs are: Loma Linda University, Riverside Community College (RCC), University of Southern California, and Western University of Health Sciences. Loma Linda, University of Southern California, and Western University of Health Sciences offer Master's degree programs, which require bachelor degrees. The majority of PA programs require paid patient care prior to enrollment, therefore, applicants have generally worked as one of the following: emergency medical technician, licensed vocational nurse, medical technologist, medical corpsman, paramedic, psychiatric technician, radiologic technician, respiratory therapist, registered nurse, or medical assistant.

Some suggested SBVC courses that students may take to prepare for various PA programs are:

Anatomy and Physiology:	BIOL 250+251 OR BIOL 260+261
Chemistry:	CHEM 101 OR 101H, 150 OR 150H, 151 OR 151H
English:	ENGL 101 OR 101H, 102 OR 102H
Math:	MATH 102, 108
Microbiology:	BIOL 270
Physics:	PHYSIC 101, 150A, 150B
Psychology:	PSYCH 100 OR 100H
Sociology/Anthropology:	SOC 100 OR SOC 100H OR ANTHRO 102

Science courses should be completed within five years of admission to PA programs. Students are advised to check individual college and university catalogs to determine proper prerequisites. It is recommended that students focus on transfer to a university since a bachelor's degree is an admission requirement to the majority of PA programs. USC offers a Preparatory Education Program to prepare for their PA program. Riverside County residents have priority for admission to the Riverside Community College PA program.

Some useful websites for future PA students are:

American Academy of Physician Assistants	www.aapa.org
CA State Licensing Information	physicianassistant.ca.gov
Loma Linda University	www.llu.edu/sahp/pa/
Riverside Community College	www.rcc.edu
University of Southern California.....	www.usc.edu
Western University of Health Sciences	www.westernu.edu

