

RIT's Physician Assistant program awards a five-year BS/MS degree upon completion. The program is divided into the pre-professional phase (years 1 and 2) which includes prerequisite and recommended courses listed below; and the professional phase (years 3, 4, and 5) which features didactic medical education and clinical rotations. This is a highly competitive program with very limited seat availability for transfer students.

Students applying to RIT should complete the RIT application and indicate the Physician Assistant Program as their first choice. The department personnel evaluate transfer credit and determine eligibility for first, second- or third-year status. Transfer applicants must meet the December 1st deadline date for the following fall class. The minimum grade point average for acceptance into the physician assistant program at RIT is 3.0 for transfer students; however, a higher GPA is necessary to be competitive for admission.

Basic Science Coursework for RIT's Physician Assistant Program

MTH 160 - Statistics I

MTH 200 - Applied Calculus

BIO 144 - Anatomy & Physiology I

BIO 145 - Anatomy & Physiology II

BIO 155 - General Biology I

BIO 156 - General Biology II

BIO 202 - Microbiology

CHE 151 - General College Chemistry I

CHE 152 - General College Chemistry II

Recommended Courses

ENG 101 - English Composition

ENG 105 - Introduction to Literature

ENG 201/202/203/204 - Literature Elective

PHL 103 - Introduction to Ethics

HIS 111/112/113/114 - History Elective

PSY 101 - Intro to Psychological Science

PSY 206 - Abnormal Psychology

PSY 212 - Developmental Psych: Lifespan

SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology

BIO 217 - Nutrition

BIO 221 - Principles of Biochemistry

HIM 104 - Medical Terminology

HED 115 - Death & Dying

HED 118 - Intro to Safety & Emergency Car

It is strongly suggested that students apply to additional programs/colleges. Most MCC students are advised to prepare to transfer to a 4-year college or university for Biology or another science major, and then apply to PA graduate programs. Advanced Placement (AP) credit is **not** accepted for Biology or Chemistry requirements.

Recent Experience in direct patient/health-related care is highly recommended. EMT training (EMS 110 at MCC), though not required, is strongly recommended prior to applying to the program.

Other Criteria of Importance for Acceptance

- It is very useful for prospective students to meet and “shadow” practicing physician assistants through daily routines to gain insight into the depth and breadth of the profession.
- A well written essay is a highly important component of the application.
- Personal interview (by invitation only).

Make sure to read RIT's website thoroughly and contact them with questions.

Note: While every effort is made to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate, students are advised to contact transfer institutions for specific course requirements and the most up-to-date information.

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