

Physician Assistant

General Requirements

- Most universities use the [CASPA Application Process](#)
- Interview common
- Strong letters of reference, at least 1 letter from shadowing physician
- Patient experience preferred, some with minimum 1 year experience
- Competitive GRE scores
 - MCAT only suitable replacement at certain programs
- GPA 2.75-3.0 , Science 3.0
- Courses
 - Biology 1 & 2, w/ lab
 - Chemistry 1 & 2, w/ lab
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2, w/ lab
 - Organic Chemistry 1 & 2, w/ lab
 - Microbiology w/ lab
 - Statistics
 - English Composition
 - Humanities/Social Sciences
 - Biochemistry
 - Medical Terminology preferred, possibly required

Florida PA Schools

- Nova Southeastern University
 - Fort Lauderdale, FL
 - Uses CASPA
 - Minimum regular and science GPA 3.0
 - Patient-contact experience preferred
 - GRE scores: upper 40 th percentile
 - Add'l requirement: Genetics
 - More locations in: Orlando, Jacksonville, Fort Myers
 - More info [here](#)
- University of Florida
 - Gainesville, FL
 - Uses CASPA
 - Minimum regular and science GPA 3.0
 - Medical terminology required (at least 1 credit hour)
 - Cannot use any AP/CLEP courses to qualify
 - 2000 hours/1 year of patient-contact experience
 - No specified GRE score
 - More info [here](#)

Florida PA Schools

- South University
 - Tampa, FL
 - Uses CASPA
 - No listed GRE minimums
 - Patient contact experience required
 - No minimum listed
 - More info at:
https://www.southuniversity.edu/areas-of-study/physician-assistant#cid-19_aosid-69
- USF
 - Tampa, FL
 - Uses CASPA
 - Overall & Science GPA minimum 3.0
 - Average GRE:
 - Verbal: 67
 - Quantitative: 59
 - Minimum 500 hours in patient contact experience
 - More info [here](#)

Florida PA Schools

- Barry University
 - Miami Shores, FL
 - 12 credit hours in biological sciences
 - Volunteering/Shadowing highly recommended
 - Interview
 - Medical Terminology course required before matriculation
 - 3.0 GPA
- More info: <http://www.barry.edu/physician-assistant/>

Work Prospects

Almost 40k positions expected by 2026

Mean annual wage: \$ 10 4,760

More info: <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291071.htm>