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 40th percentile
  - Additional 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
• 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: $104,760

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