



## Transfer Planning Guide to St. Ambrose University Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS): pre-requisite courses

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### TRANSFER FACTS

Physician assistants are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine under the supervision of physicians, and are referred to as physician extenders and midlevel practitioners. Their practice includes all elements of patient care including taking medical histories, completing examinations, ordering diagnostic tests, and providing medical care including the prescription of medications. Physician assistants may care for a wide variety of patients, assist in surgery, or specialize in one of a wide variety of practice areas in conjunction with their supervising physician.

- View the MPAS home page and MPAS Fact Sheet [here](#) for complete admission, application, and program requirements.
- **Program Characteristics:** MPAS is a 29-month graduate program (14-month didactic component followed by 15-month supervised clinical clerkship component) comprised of 124 credit hours. A new class of 30 students will be accepted annually through a competitive application process. Coursework will begin in the summer. Students will enroll after earning a bachelor's degree, successfully completing specific prerequisite classes, and gaining at least 500 hours of documented health care experience with direct patient contact. Graduates will be eligible to seek licensure to practice in one or more of the fifty states. All members (100%) of the MPAS Class of 2021 passed the NCCPA exam on the first attempt.
- **Admissions Requirements:** Requirements include completing all prerequisite classes with a grade of "C" or higher. Earn a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale. Required course work graded pass/fail or credit obtained by CLEP exam or Advanced Placement (AP) will not be accepted. See the MPAS Fact Sheet and program home page for all additional requirements and the admissions process.
- **Accreditation:** The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the MPAS Program

### Black Hawk courses that fulfill the prerequisite courses to seek admission to the SAU Master of Physician Assistance Studies Program.

| Note | BHC Course  | BHC Course Title   | Includes Lab | BHC Semester Hours | Transfers to SAU as:   |
|------|---|--|--------------|--------------------|--|
|      | BIOL 105  | General Biology I  | X            | 5                  | BIOL 199   |
| 1    | BIOL 145  | Anatomy-Physiology I   | X            | 4                  | BIOL 230   |
| 1    | BIOL 146  | Anatomy-Physiology II  | X            | 4                  | BIOL 232   |
|      | BIOL 261  | Microbiology   | X            | 4                  | BIOL 211   |
| 2    | CHEM 101  | General Chemistry I  | X            | 4                  | CHEM 105   |
| 2    | CHEM 102  | General Chemistry II   | X            | 4                  | CHEM 106   |
|      | CHEM 203  | Organic Chemistry I  | X            | 4                  | CHEM 207 + CHEM 209  |
|      | CHEM 206  | Basic Biochemistry   |              | 3                  | CHEM Elective  |
|      | ENG 101   | Composition I  |              | 3                  | ENGL Elective  |
|      | ENG 102   | Composition II   |              | 3                  | ENGL 101   |
|      | MATH 108,<br>or MATH 228                            | Statistics for General Education, or Probability and Statistics                      |              | 3                  | STAT 213 for either course   |
| 3    | PSYC 101 &<br>SOC 101 or<br>PSYC 200<br>recommended | Intro to Psychology -and- Principles of Sociology -or- Human Growth and Development. |              | 3 each             | 6 credit hours in Psychology / Sociology. Take one of each subject or take two courses in Psychology |

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| 4 | SPEC 101, 111, 114, or 175 | Choose one from Principles of Speech Communication, Business & Professional Communication, Interpersonal Communication, or Intercultural Communication |  | 3 | COMM 129, COMM 327 lower division, COMM 203, or general education Humanities |
| 4 | no BHC equivalent          | -----  |  | 3 | PHIL 310 Bio-Medical Ethics  |

Notes:

1. Anatomy and Physiology courses must be taken at the same institution.
2. Advisable to take both courses at the same institution.
3. Take PSYC 101 and SOC 101 if completing an AA or AS degree
4. Courses are recommended but not required. Take SPEC 101 if completing an AA or AS degree.

Many of the BHC courses above have prerequisites. Pre-requisites are satisfied through a combination of high school course work, college course work, and/or assessment testing (transcripts and assessment scores are required for documentation). Please consider your eligibility to enroll in courses by consulting the [BHC Catalog](#) or contacting a BHC educational advisor at [ADVQC@bhc.edu](mailto:ADVQC@bhc.edu).

Students who wish to complete an associate degree should follow BHC's [Associate in Science \(AS\) or Associate in Arts \(AA\) degree](#) (60 credits minimum). Students who plan to transfer to SAU prior to completing an associate or bachelor degree should reference the [SAU general education requirements](#). Consult with BHC and SAU advisors for course selection.

This guide is intended as a projected plan coordinated by both institutions and is not presented as a contract. While effort is made to present current information, both institutions reserve the right to make changes to admission, graduation, degree, course and supplementary information without notice. Students are responsible for confirming all guide contents.

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