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<td>Must be completed by Aug 1. Strong applicants can ask for permission to complete ONE remaining course fall</td>
<td>April 1: Everything complete, incl. BS June 1: ok to have items in progress</td>
<td>Coursework and BS completed before applying.</td>
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<td>Minimum Grade requirements</td>
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<td>No online courses. Science coursework GPA 3.0. Accept AP for General Bio only.</td>
<td>Min. grade in pre-reqs: C.</td>
<td>Accelerated – 24 months. Science GPA of 3.2. Min. pre-req grade of C.</td>
<td>Pre-reqs must be taken graded.</td>
<td>Min. pre-req grade: B. Pre-reqs generally must be done at 4-yr college.</td>
<td>Min. pre-req grade: C+. Min science GPA 3.0.</td>
<td>Medical Terminology sugg’d. One B ok for pre-req. With AP cr, take next class in sequence. Ideal min science GPA 3.2. Prefer 4-yr college courses.</td>
<td>Prerequisite courses must have a “C” or better and an overall prereq GPA of 3.0.</td>
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<td>Patient care hours</td>
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<td>Understanding of profession &amp; commitment to helping others</td>
<td>250-500</td>
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<td>1,000 min. 2,000 suggested before applying. No volunteer work.</td>
<td>2,000 hours BEFORE application. Very detailed requirements.</td>
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<td>Nov. 1</td>
<td>Jan. 15</td>
<td>Aug. 1</td>
<td>Aug. 1 to be verified Aug. 31. Opens spring.</td>
<td>April 1 preferred June 1</td>
<td>July 1 with additional materials due Aug. 1</td>
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**Summary of Suggested courses to be prepared for all MA PA Schools**

- Anatomy & Physiology I & II with labs (Kinesiology 270 & 272)
- Introductory Biology (Biology 151 & 152) 7 credits and lab (Biology 153) 2 credits
- General Microbiology (Microbio 310) 3 credits and lab (Microbio 265) 2 credits (Microbio majors: 312 lab), (Chem 261 is co-/pre-req)
- Biochemistry 420 (not needed for biochemistry majors) (Chem 261 is pre-req)
- General Chemistry (Chemistry 111, 112 or Chemistry 121H, 122H)
- Organic Chemistry [Chemistry 261 lab 269 (Chemistry 262 is a pre- or co-req for 269) (Chemistry majors: 265, 266, 267, 268)]
- Statistics (Stats 240, ResEcon 212, Psych 240 or PubHlth 223)
- Psychology (Psych 100)

**Course Requirements for Specific Programs**

- Boston University: 2 additional biology course at the 300-level or higher. This is difficult for non-bio majors. Consult with the Biology Department.
- Bay Path College: 1 ethics course (Phil 164)
- Westfield State: 1 ethics course (Phil 164) and 1 genetics course (Biology 283).

**Check the requirements of the schools to which you are considering applying early and often.**

The list of requirements above and deadlines was created in summer 2017, but schools can change their requirements. Additionally, each school may have its own definition of what counts for patient care hours, so be sure to do research into your prospective schools.