

**SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES  
AND  
ADMISSIONS OFFICE**

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**NOTE:** Fall 2019 will be the final semester start date for the professional phase of the B.S. in Physician Assistant (PA) major, as this program transitions to a five-year combined B.S. / M.S. degree. Effective for Fall 2018, entrance to this program is no longer available for new (high school) students or transfer students who will not have all of the pre-requisites completed for selection by June 1, 2019. Please refer to the B.S. / M.S. in PA Studies program.

Transfer students who want to be considered must submit their applications, official transcripts, and health care exposure hours to the Penn College Admissions Office by June 1.

All students (including transfer students) desiring entrance into the Physician Assistant major must first gain admission to Penn College and satisfy placement requirements. All students are placed into the pre-PA curriculum. To be considered for selection, all applicants (pre-PA students, change of major students and transfer students) must meet the following requirements:

1. All program prerequisite credits need to be completed or satisfied through accepted course transfer.
2. A combined math and science grade-point calculation of 3.0 or higher in all math and science prerequisite courses (BIO 115, BIO 125, BIO 108, BIO 201, CHM 111, CHM 210, and 2 MTH classes 160 or higher).
3. A grade of "C" or above in all prerequisite math and science courses as well as ENL 111, ENL 121 (or ENL 201), CSC 124, and PSY 111.
4. Documentation of 300 health care exposure hours, including a minimum of 16 hours with a practicing PA approved via the electronic logging system.

**Admission Ranking System**

1. **DEGREES/CREDITS (Approximately 6%)**—are used to determine the point value of degrees/credits based on an expected midpoint average of 2.5 points. Higher or lower midpoints may increase or decrease this calculation accordingly. Points are awarded on the following scale:

DEGREE/CREDITS	POINTS
Doctorate	5
Master's degree	4
Bachelor's degree	3
62 academic credits or more	2

2. **MATH AND SCIENCE CALCULATION (Approximately 71%)**—are based on an expected math-science grade average of 3.5. Higher or lower final course grades may increase or decrease the math-science calculation accordingly. The following must be noted:
  - Only grades of "C" or higher will be used to calculate the math-science grade average.
  - Students are required to take two math courses at or above the MTH 160 (Elementary Statistics with Computer Applications) level. If more than two courses were completed, the highest two grades will be used for ranking purposes.
  - Math and science courses included in this calculation include:

BIO 115	Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 125	Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 108	Principles of Biology I
BIO 201	Microbiology
CHM 111	General Chemistry I
CHM 210	Organic Chemistry I
Two MTH Courses	MTH 160 and higher

**3. OTHER COURSE CALCULATION (Approximately 23%)**—This calculation is based on an expected grade average of 3.0. Higher or lower final course grades may increase or decrease this calculation accordingly. The following must be noted:

- Only courses completed with grades of “C” or higher will be used in the calculation.
- If ENL 121 and ENL 201 are taken, the higher grade will be used for ranking purposes.
- Courses included in this calculation include:

ENL 111	English Composition I
ENL 121	English Composition II
<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>
ENL 201	Technical & Professional Communication
PSY 111	General Psychology
CSC 124	Information, Technology, and Society

#### NOTES & FOOTNOTES:

1. The total number of seats available for selection each year will not exceed 30.
2. Only the **specific** courses listed in ranking areas 2 and 3 above will be used in the Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Admissions Ranking System.
3. Selection decisions are based on academic grade calculations and objective performance criteria. A student may appeal a selection decision. The student must submit a written summary of circumstances to the Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Sciences no later than five business days following the student’s receipt of written notification of non-selection into the major. To be considered, appeals must be typed, signed, dated and include a current mailing address. A Selection Appeal Committee will be convened to review the appeal. The student will receive a written notification of the decision within five business days following the dean’s receipt of the formal appeal. Decisions by the Appeal Committee are final with no further appeal.
4. Typically, any changes to these admission requirements are made prior to the student’s enrollment at Penn College; however, in special circumstances, such as an observed change in program outcomes, the College President may approve more immediate changes to ensure student success. In such cases, students will receive timely written notice of the change.