

BACCALAUREATE TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM



Admission to the University of Evansville's Baccalaureate to Physician Assistant Program (B/PA) is highly competitive, with no more than 20 students accepted into the program annually. Accepted students will receive merit scholarship consideration to assist with their UE bachelor's degree and provisional admission to the University of Evansville Physician Assistant (PA) Program.

Admission Criteria

High school seniors who wish to be considered for the B/PA program must meet the following requirements:

- Submit an application and PA essay to the University by November 1.
- Have a weighted high school GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Score 26 or higher on the ACT or 1240 or higher on the SAT.

Students who meet criteria will be invited to B/PA Day in late November for an interview.

We strongly recommend that all prospective applicants acquire knowledge of the PA profession through independent exploration and observations prior to submitting your direct entry application. All requirements are firm. See website at evansville.edu/PA-direct-entry.

Program Requirements

Once admitted to the UE B/PA program, students must meet the following requirements to maintain eligibility and claim the provisional seat reserved in the PA program:

- A minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 is required at the end of the freshman year (first ~ 31 undergraduate hours). Following freshman year, a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.5/4.0 is required at the end of each semester until the baccalaureate degree is completed.
- Completion of all requirements for the University of Evansville undergraduate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher at time of application and at graduation.
- Completion of all prerequisite courses established by the UE PA program.

- Completion of the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) application.
- Completion of a criminal background check. These are required each year for PA students.
- Students who do not meet the above listed criteria to maintain their B/PA position will be placed on a one-semester B/PA probation. If B/PA criteria has not been met while on probation, the student will lose their reserved seat and may elect to apply through Pathway 2.

Students failing to meet the above requirements will not be allowed to matriculate directly into the University of Evansville PA program, but they may seek admission through the traditional graduate admission pathway (Pathway 2). Requirements are subject to change.

Note:

- All prerequisite science courses must be designed for science majors. Other courses will not be accepted.
- Once established as a UE student, up to three courses (maximum 10 credit hours) may be completed at other institutions as long as the courses are approved by the Office of the Registrar.
- All students must complete a bachelor's degree and submit their final academic transcript prior to formally entering the UE PA program.

Independent Acceleration for B/PA Students

Students within the B/PA program may independently accelerate to an early graduation and apply via Pathway 2. B/PA students who do not gain admission to the PA Program through Pathway 2 may continue on Pathway 1 and enter the PA program with their original cohort with no penalty, as long as they meet the B/PA requirements for entry into the program.



Why the UE B/PA Program?

The purpose of the University of Evansville B/PA program is to increase the number of physician assistants in southwestern and Southern Indiana. The UE B/PA program is committed to providing students with a quality education that prepares students for a career in medicine. Students in the program enjoy an array of benefits including:

- Automatic provisional seat within the University of Evansville Physician Assistant Program.
- A quality, comprehensive undergraduate career.
- Personalized academic and career advising.
- Relationship building among the UE B/PA cohort.
- Mentorship from current UE PA graduate students.
- Medical enrichment experiences designed to acquaint students with clinical and community service opportunities during the undergraduate experience.
- Opportunities to perform undergraduate research.

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