

### Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

### Use the **AA -DTA Degree Planning Guide**, with this sheet, to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school. Almost all Physician Assistant (PA) programs are Master's Degree and require a Bachelor's degree for admission. There are a few schools with a Bachelor program in PA, but no longer one in Washington State. P.A. programs require extensive clinical experience; some schools accept volunteer hours, but others require that you have paid work experience as a health care provider.

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### What is Physician Assistant?

Physician Assistants (P.A.) work directly under the supervision of doctors; they examine patients, order diagnostic tests, prescribe medication, and perform basic medical procedures to treat common illnesses and injuries. Most P.A.s work in primary care while others may specialize in such areas as surgery, pediatrics or emergency services.

**Areas of Study in Physician Assistant:** Anatomy and Physiology, Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Family Practice, Clinical Medicine, Maternal and Child Health, Emergency Medicine, Behavioral Medicine, Rural Healthcare and Underrepresented Populations, Medical Procedures, Public Health, Leadership and Management, Professional and Medical Ethics.

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### Where can I go for help?

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### Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. Students can choose any major for their Bachelor degree. See the AA-DTA Planning Guide for a list of Washington State colleges and universities.

### Where can I study Physician Assistant?

The following colleges in Washington offer a degree in Masters of Science or Masters of Public Health in Physician Assistant. They require a Bachelor Degree and specific courses for admission

[University of Washington](http://www.washington.edu)  
Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma

[Heritage University](http://www.heritage.edu)  
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### What can I do with a degree in Physician Assistant?


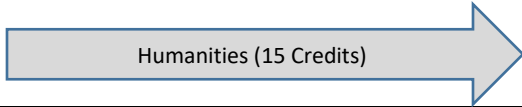
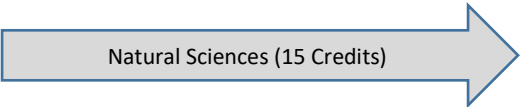
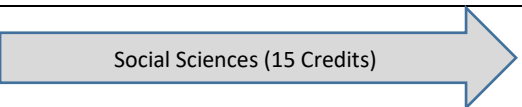
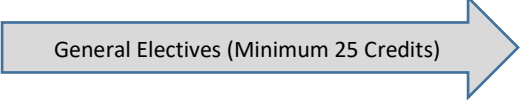
Physician Assistants (PA) develop strong critical thinking, problem solving, communication and technical skills to provide direct patient care in a number of health care settings. In addition to patient care, PA's manage health care facilities, conduct research, teach classes, promote wellness, and provide leadership in the health care field.

**Potential employers include:** Hospitals, health care clinics, physician's office, colleges and universities, in-home health care, government agencies, non-profit organizations, business and industry. For more, please visit career information and resources at <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-center/career-counseling.aspx>.

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## Physician Assistant – Major Preparation Sheet —2017–2018

### What courses should I take? \*\*

 <p>General Education Requirements (20 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Required:</b> ENGL&amp; 101; ENGL&amp; 102; One course in Multicultural Understanding; One course in Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning</p> <p><b>Required for PA admission at most schools:</b> MATH&amp; 146</p>
 <p>Humanities (15 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Recommended:</b> CMST&amp; 101, 220</p>
 <p>Natural Sciences (15 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Required for PA admission at most schools::</b> BIOL&amp; 211, 260; CHEM&amp; 121</p> <p><b>Recommended:</b> Physician Assistant Programs outside of Washington State often require additional courses in Chemistry, such as CHEM 171/181, 172/182 and 173/183</p>
 <p>Social Sciences (15 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Recommended:</b> ANTH&amp; 206, PSYC&amp; 100, 200, SOC&amp; 101 or 201</p>
 <p>General Electives (Minimum 25 Credits)</p>	<p><b>Required for PA admission at most schools:</b> BIOL&amp; 241 and 242</p> <p><b>Recommended:</b> Additional credits in medically related sciences, e.g., CHEM&amp; 131, MATH&amp; 141</p>

### More information about programs in Physician Assistant.

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Two good resources are the American Association of Physician Assistants ([www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org)) and the Physician Assistant Education Association ([www.paeaonline.org](http://www.paeaonline.org)). Below is information about the two Washington schools. Students need to apply through the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) between May 1 and Oct. 1. A secondary application is also required for each school; check each school for deadlines.

School	Degrees & Requirements	SCC Courses
<a href="http://www.uw.edu">University of Washington</a>	<p><u>Master’s in Clinical Health Services (MCHS)</u></p> <p>MEDEX Northwest is the University of Washington’s Physician Assistant program. All applicants must have at least one year (2,000 hours) of paid clinical work experience providing direct delivery of medical care to patients or work in an allied health field such as x-ray technology, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, etc. Competitive MEDEX candidates average a total of 6.5 years patient care experience.</p> <p>Strongly recommended that science pre-requisites be completed within the last 5-7 years. Recommended courses: biochemistry (CHEM&amp; 131), genetics, sociology and/or psychology and/or anthropology.</p> <p>Admission to the Master’s Program: A Bachelor’s degree is required for admission in a major of your choice, along with scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).</p>	<p>Course requirements must be completed by Oct 1 deadline with a minimum 2.7 grade: CHEM &amp;121, BIOL &amp;211, &amp;241+&amp;242, and &amp;260, MATH &amp;146, ENGL &amp;101 and another ENGL course.</p> <p>For admission to the Anchorage program college algebra (MATH 111 or &amp;141) and PSYC &amp;100 and &amp;200 are also required.</p>
<a href="http://www.heritage.edu">Heritage University, Toppenish, WA</a>	<p><u>Master’s of Science in Physician Assistant Studies</u></p> <p>Admission requires a Bachelor’s degree in a major of your choice. A minimum of 1,000 hours of “hands-on” patient contact work experience. All prerequisites must be completed by Jan 1. TOEFL is required if English is not your first language and your undergraduate degree is outside the US.</p>	<p>Must have a 3.0 in each course: CHEM &amp;121, BIOL &amp;211, &amp;241, &amp;242, &amp;260, One college course in math or statistics or physics</p>

**\*\* This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**