



## Transfer Planning Guide

### 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 at <http://www.sau.edu/master-of-physician-assistant-studies>
- **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 health care experience. 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 2017 passed the NCCPA exam on the first attempt.
- **Admissions Requirements:** Requirements include completing all prerequisite classes with a grade of "C" or higher. Required course work graded pass/fail or credit obtained by CLEP exam or Advanced Placement (AP) will not be accepted. Earn a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale. 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-Provisional status to the MPAS Program

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

All BHC courses below have prerequisites in reading, writing, and/or math which may be satisfied through a combination of high school course work, college course work, or assessment testing. Transcripts and assessment score reports are required to document eligibility to enroll. Consult the [BHC Catalog](#) or contact an educational advisor at [ADVQC@bhc.edu](mailto:ADVQC@bhc.edu).

Note	BHC Course	BHC Course Title	Includes Lab	Sem. Hour	SAU Equivalent
	BIOL 105	General Biology I	X	5	BIOL 199
1	BIOL 145	Anatomy Physiology I	X	4	BIOL 230
1	BIOL 146	Anatomy Physiology I	X	4	BIOL 232
	BIOL 150	Medical Terminology		3	HS 250
	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
	MATH 108, or MATH 228	Statistics for General Education, or Probability and Statistics		3	STAT 213 for both
	PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology		3	PSYC 105
	PSYC 200	Human Growth and Development		3	PSYC 212

	PSYC 250	Abnormal Psychology		3	PSYC 324 L.D.
	ENG 101	Composition I		3	ENGL Elective
	ENG 102	Composition II		3	ENGL 101
	<b>Recommended courses:</b>				
3	Options: SPEC 101, 111, 114, or 175	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. An oral communication course is recommended but not required.
4. A bio-medical ethics course is recommended but not required.

This guide is not intended to be a contract with St. Ambrose. The information of this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact SAU to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Use this guide in conjunction with the catalog the student will use to fulfill degree requirements.

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