



## UNM MSA PROGRAM ADVISING WORKSHEET

Prerequisite Courses			
College / University	Term / Year Completed	Grade	
- Completion of the most advanced prerequisite coursework in each subject area must have been completed within 7 years of application date - Courses noted with * must be taken within 5 years of application			
<b>Biology I with Lab</b>			
BIOL 2101 (Molecules to Cells) with BIOL 2103L (Discovering Biology Lab) or equivalent →UNM BIOLOGY DEPT underwent curriculum changes in 2023, any questions on coursework taken prior consult with our advisor			
<b>Biology II</b>			
BIOL 2102 (Organisms to Ecosystems) or equivalent			
<b>Chemistry I with Lab</b>			
CHEM 1215 (Gen Chem I for STEM Majors) with 1215L (lab) or equivalent			
<b>Chemistry II with Lab</b>			
CHEM 1225 (Gen Chem II for STEM Majors) with 1225L (lab) or equivalent			
<b>Organic Chemistry I with Lab</b>			
CHEM 301 (Organic Chemistry) with 303L (lab) or equivalent			
<b>Physics I with Lab</b>			
PHYS 1230 (Algebra-Based Physics I) with 1230L (lab) / PHYS 1310 (Calculus-Based Physics I) with 1310L (lab) or equivalent			
<b>Physics II with Lab</b>			
PHYS 1240 (Algebra-Based Physics II) with 1240L (lab) / PHYS 1320 (Calculus-Based Physics II) with 1320L (lab) or equivalent			
<b>Biochemistry *</b>			
BIOC 423 (Introductory Biochemistry) or equivalent			
<b>Statistics</b>			
MATH 1350 (Introduction to Statistics) or equivalent			
<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology *</b>			
BIOL 2210 (Human Anatomy & Physiology I) or equivalent			
Highly Recommended Courses			
College / University	Term / Year Completed	Grade	
<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II and Lab</b>			
BIOL 2225/ L (Human Anatomy & Physiology II and lab) as well as BIOL 2210L (Human Anatomy & Physiology I lab) or equivalent			
<b>Cellular &amp; Molecular Biology</b>			
BIOL 301C (Molecular & Cell Biology) or equivalent			
Recommended			
College / University	Term / Year Completed	Grade	
<b>Biology II Lab</b>			
BIOL 302C (Genes to Genomes) or equivalent			
<b>Organic Chemistry II with Lab</b>			
CHEM 302 (Organic Chemistry) with 304L (lab) or equivalent			
<b>English</b>			
ENG 1110 (Composition I) or equivalent			
<b>Psychology</b>			
PSYC 1110 (Introduction to Psychology) or equivalent			
<b>Public Speaking</b>			
COMM 1130 (Public Speaking) or equivalent			



## Admission Steps and Deadlines

### **Centralized Application Service for Anesthesiologist Assistants (CASAA)**

- <https://casaa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
- Applicants need to create an account and complete application through this website

Applications for the **August 2025** class will open late **Spring 2024**.

## Requirements

### **Bachelor's Degree**

- Regionally accredited institution, completed prior to matriculation

### **Prerequisites**

- All prerequisite coursework must be taken for a letter grade, minimum grade for required prerequisites is "C", survey classes not accepted.
- Utilize UNM's Transfer Equivalency System at <https://admissions.unm.edu/future-students/transfer/transfer-equivalencies.html> to determine equivalencies. For courses not listed, compare course descriptions.
- Applicants may apply with no more than 3 outstanding prerequisite courses by December (before given cohort year), long as stated in application when plan to take and understand matriculation is subject to completion of, with grades sent to our program by June 1st prior to the start of the given cohort year.
- AP courses will be accepted if the applicant scored a 4 or higher on the AP exam and received at least a B or higher within the courses.

### **Grade Point Averages**

- Applicants must have: Last 60 credit hours, minimum cumulative GPA  $\geq 3.2 / 4.0$   
Prerequisite, minimum cumulative GPA  $\geq 3.2 / 4.0$

### **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Personal Statement**

- Focus on motivation for selecting a career in healthcare and, specifically, why interested in becoming a CAA

### **Letters of Recommendation**

- 3 letters from individuals who can attest to the applicant's ability and personal character as they relate to the pursuit of graduate study and a career as a CAA
- Letters from family and friends will not be accepted

### **Shadowing**

- Individuals applying to the program must spend a minimum of 8 hours with an anesthetist or an anesthesiologist in an operating room environment observing the conduct of anesthesia

### **MCAT or GRE**

- attained within three years of applying to the program
- UNM institutional code: GRE **1346**

### **Casper**

- Online assessment through Acuity Insight Assessments
- All applicants are required to complete for the designated annual admissions cycle, for the August 2025 cohort this must be completed before or on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024
- Minimum required Casper test score: > 25th percentile

*\* Must be able to meet the UNM MSA Physical and Technical Standards*

## Recommendations

- Healthcare experience
- Commitment to community through service work
- Understanding of our program's mission and values

This document is not a complete listing of all UNM MSA Program admissions requirements. Visit our website for more information: [HSC.UNM.edu/medicine/departments/anesthesiology/education/MSA-program](https://HSC.UNM.edu/medicine/departments/anesthesiology/education/MSA-program)