



# UNM PA PROGRAM ADVISING WORKSHEET

Required Prerequisite Courses <i>All must be taken in the U.S. for a letter grade of C or better Courses noted with * must be taken within 10 years of application</i>	Min Cred Hrs	College/ University	Term/Year Completed	Grade
<b>Microbiology Lecture &amp; Lab *</b> UNM's BIOL 2305 with Lab (239) or BIOL 351/352L or equivalent	4 sem/ 5 qtr			
<b>General Chemistry I for STEM Majors Lecture &amp; Lab *</b> UNM's CHEM 1215 (121/123L) with Lab or equivalent	4 sem/ 5 qtr			
<b>General Chemistry II for STEM Majors Lecture &amp; Lab *</b> UNM's CHEM 1225 (122/124L) with Lab or equivalent	4 sem/ 5 qtr			
<b>Organic Chemistry I Lecture &amp; Lab *</b> UNM's CHEM 301/303L with Lab or equivalent	4 sem/ 5 qtr			
<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I Lecture &amp; Lab *</b> UNM's BIOL 2210 (237/247L) with Lab or equivalent	4 sem/ 5 qtr			
<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II Lecture &amp; Lab *</b> UNM's BIOL 2225 (238/248L) with Lab or equivalent	4 sem/ 5 qtr			
<b>Psychology</b> Any Psychology course (not Statistics)	3 sem/ 4 qtr			

Highly Recommended Courses (Not Required) <i>Must be taken within 10 years of application for a letter grade of B- or better to receive additional consideration</i>				
<b>Organic Chemistry II Lecture &amp; Lab</b> UNM's CHEM 302/304L with Lab or equivalent	4 sem/ 5 qtr			
<b>Biochemistry or Biological Chemistry</b> UNM's BIOC 423, 445, or 446 or CHEM 421 or equivalent	3 sem/ 4 qtr			
<b>Genetics or Molecular Genetics</b> UNM's BIOL 302C (2410C/202) or 425 or equivalent	3 sem/ 4 qtr			
<b>Immunology</b> UNM's BIOL 456 or equivalent	3 sem/ 4 qtr			
<b>Nutrition</b> Any Nutrition course	3 sem/ 4 qtr			
<b>Statistics</b> Any Statistics course offered by Math or Psychology department	3 sem/ 4 qtr			

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## UNM PA Program Admission Steps and Deadlines

✓ **CASPA Application: Verified by August 1;** recommended to submit by July 1

<https://caspa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/>

✓ **PA-CAT Physician Assistant College Admission Test: Scores by August 1;** schedule early

<https://www.pa-cat.com/> (currently strongly recommended; not required)

✓ **UNM PA Program Supplemental Application: August 2**

Information will be provided to applicants after verified CASPA application is received

✓ **UNM PA Program Supplemental Application Fee: August 2**

Paid online; link will be provided after verified CASPA application is received

*Submitting all items early is strongly encouraged for best consideration*

## Summary of Admission Requirements

### Degree

• Bachelor's degree or higher in any area of study from a regionally-accredited institution in the US must be completed and awarded by December 31 of application year; no required or preferred majors

### Prerequisite Coursework

See page 1 for prerequisite courses. Notes:

- Current UNM course numbers are listed, with previous numbers showing in parentheses.
- 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 one outstanding prerequisite course that is not yet completed at the time of application submission. A lecture prerequisite and its associated lab is considered one course. Only required prerequisites (not highly recommended courses) count toward the one outstanding prerequisite. This course must be completed by December of application year with a grade of "B" or above. This will not be calculated in GPAs.
- Minimum grade for required prerequisites is "C" (not "C-"). Minimum grade for highly recommended courses is "B-".
- Prerequisites noted with an asterisk (\*) and all highly recommended courses must be completed within 10 years of application.
- Substitutions for prerequisites are not permitted.
- Lecture + lab courses must be a minimum of 4 semester credit hours or 5 quarter hours. Lecture only must be a minimum of 3 semester credit hours or 4 quarter hours.
- Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or any credit by exam is not accepted.
- It is strongly recommended that no more than two prerequisite lecture courses and no prerequisite labs be taken online.
- All prerequisites and highly recommended courses must be taken for a letter grade. However, prerequisite laboratories only taken for credit (or pass) in calendar years 2020 and 2021 only will be accepted, though a letter grade is preferred.

### Grade Point Averages

- Science and Math GPA (all Science and Math courses within 10 years of application):  $\geq 3.0$
- Cumulative Last 60 Credits GPA (all courses in most recent 60 semester credit hours):  $\geq 3.0$

### Direct Patient Care Clinical Experience

- Minimum of 1,000 hours required at time of application

### Community Service

- Encouraged; not required

### Letters of Recommendation/Evaluations

- 3 evaluations required, 2 of which must be clinical references

### Resume/CV

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for more information on  
each component of the  
admission process

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