

Transfer Advising Sheet for Master in Medical Science in Physician Assistant (PA)

Florida Community College at Jacksonville

Information for Bachelor's Degree graduates

---Complete the NSU PA prerequisites at FCCJ---

Nova Southeastern University

Bachelor of Science in Applied Professional Studies in Health Professions Studies and Master of Medical Science
in Physician Assistant

POS: 32NOV for Nova Southeastern University

ITM: 612NOV for Nova Physician Assistant

If you are a bachelor's degree graduate and interested in transferring to the NSU Physician Assistant program, please use this transfer advising sheet and complete the prerequisite requirements listed below.

Nova Southeastern University retains sole responsibility for establishing the academic and other criteria that students must meet in order to fulfill its own entrance and graduation requirements and in evaluating student applications for admission. Incoming NSU students must meet all entry requirements for the Master of Physician Assistant program. Acceptance into the physician assistant program does not guarantee successful completion of course requirements, leading to a degree of Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant.

After discussing this program with your advisor, please ask your FCCJ advisor to add the Program of Study code (32NOV) and the unique 3 + 2 Intended Transfer Major (612NOV) to your student record.

Following the curriculum requirements listed below does not guarantee admission to the NSU program. The Master's degree Physician Assistant program is a competitive admissions program. Please see important GPA requirements below (page 3, Prerequisite and Elective Notes).

Bachelor's degree graduates and other students who have completed the 90 semester hour requirement at other institutions cannot compete for the FCCJ cohort seats. Bachelor's degree students can compete in the general pool of NSU Jacksonville PA applicants.

The following PA prerequisite courses are required to be taken at FCCJ if not previously completed during your Baccalaureate Degree)

Course Number	Course Title	Requirement Met General Ed/Prerequisite	Gordon Writing/Math	Semester Hours
ENC 1101	English Composition I	GE	G (W)	3
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature: Writing about Fiction	GE	G (W)	3
OR ENC1102	OR Writing about Non-Fiction			
MAC 1105	College Algebra	GE	G (M)	3
XXXX	Humanities from AA General Education Requirements	GE	G (W)	3
XXX	Select three courses from Social/Behavioral Sciences of the AA General Education Requirements	GE		9
BSC 2010C	Principles of Biology I	GE		4
MCB 2010C	Microbiology	GE/PR		4

XXXX	Select one of the chemistry combinations indicated below*	GE/PR		8
BSC 2085C	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	GE/PR		4
BSC 2086C	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	GE/PR		4
CHM 2210C	Organic Chemistry I	PR		4
Total Hours				53

*Please note that students need two chemistry courses with labs (for a total of 8 semester hours) to satisfy the NSU PA Prerequisites. This can be one of the following two combinations:

- CHM 1025C and CHM 2045C
OR
- CHM 2045C and CHM 2046C

Prerequisite Notes for non-FCCJ Cohort students:

- All prerequisite courses require a grade of "C" or above.
- Bachelor's degree graduates cannot compete for the FCCJ cohort seats. These students can compete in the general pools of applicants. The general pool of applicants to the NSU Physician Assistant program must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale) and a natural and behavioral science GPA of 2.8, upon completion of the bachelor's degree. All college courses attempted are calculated in the GPA.

Other Notes:

- Bachelor's degree graduates and other students who have completed the 90 semester hour requirement at other institutions cannot compete for the FCCJ cohort seats. These students can compete in the general pool of NSU Jacksonville PA applicants.

NSU PA Admissions Criteria for non-FCCJ Cohort Students

- Students must complete 90 semester hours of credit before beginning the dual admission bachelor's/master's program, including the prerequisite courses listed in this FCCJ Transfer Advising Sheet for this articulation. Bachelor's degree graduates will be considered to have already completed 90 semester hours, but may still have Official transcripts must be submitted to NSU.
- Students applying for admission into the Master of Physician Assistant program of study must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale) and a natural and behavioral science GPA of 2.8 or above. All college courses attempted are included in NSU's calculation of student GPA.
- Submit NSU PA application.
- Submit official GRE general test scores to the EPS dept, attention Physician Assistant Admissions, no later than the first semester after completing the associate degree. NSU's school code is 5522.
- Three letters of evaluation or recommendation. One letter must be sent from an individual, other than a relative or friend, such as an academic advisor, professor, coworker, or supervisor. The other two letters of recommendation/evaluation must be from health care professionals (neither of which can be a relative or friend), one of which must be from a physician or a PA.
- Submit to background check conducted by NSU Health Professions Division.
- Participate in a personal face-to-face interview, if requested by application committee.
- Screening committee will review all transcripts and all course attempts. Although they may not officially have grade forgiveness, they will try to take into consideration a student's course attempts/repeats, and grade improvement over time, if a student's GPA is not clearly above the minimum. No guarantees.
- Students must also have their own laptop upon entering the program and show evidence of computer skills through coursework or self-study prior to end of first term.

Is Admission for FCCJ students guaranteed?

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- Following the curriculum requirements listed in the articulation/transfer advising sheet does not guarantee admission to the NSU program. The Master's degree Physician Assistant program is a competitive admissions program.

What is the profile of the successful applicant to the NSU PA Program? (according to the NSU PA website)

- combination of life, educational and work experience that shows a commitment to patient care, an understanding of the PA profession and the ability to perform in a demanding academic and professional setting.

- Although not required, health care experience is highly recommended. This experience can be either paid or volunteer and should include exposure to mid level practitioners.
- Our applicants at the established NSU PA programs have an average of 30+ months of health care experience. Additionally many former applicants gained valuable information from the material they had access to as Associate Members of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.
- Past educational performance, while not indicative of current abilities, can predict performance in the program. Every attempt should be made to enhance overall and science course GPA prior to application. The first year is extremely demanding and the applicant will benefit by taking courses that simulate this type of education.

Please check with a Florida Community College advisor or counselor for more information.

FCCJ: Point of Contact for FCCJ cohort: Lynne Crosby– (904) 632-5066
 Open Campus, Learner Support Center: (904) 646-2300
 Downtown Campus, Counseling and Advising Office: (904) 633-8212
 Kent Campus, Counseling and Advising Office: (904) 381-3611
 North Campus, Counseling and Advising Office: (904) 766-6700
 South Campus, Counseling and Advising Office: (904) 646-2424
 Deerwood Center, Counseling and Advising Office: (904) 997-2600
 Nassau Center, Counseling and Advising Office: (904) 548-4400
 Cecil Center, Counseling and Advising Office: (904) 381-3611

NSU: Jacksonville Education Center PA office: 904-245-8976

For a list of the courses that Florida Community College graduates will complete at the transfer institution, please visit the website of the transfer institution for more information about the program.