

PATHWAYS

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) CONCENTRATION* & PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY (PT) CONCENTRATION*



COLLEGE OF SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

*These are not majors. You must pick from one of the following:

- Bachelor of Science in Organismal Biology - Integrative Option
- Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences
- Bachelor of Science in Microbiology
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Physics

COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- Gateway courses: BIOL 1020/1021, BIOL 1030/1031, CHEM 1030/1031, CHEM 1040/1041, MATH 1610, SCM 1890

SOPHOMORE

- Continue core requirements and foundational science courses
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 3000, CHEM 2070/2071, PHYS 1500, PHYS 1510, PSYC 2010
- CHEM 2080/2081 (if BMSC major)

JUNIOR

- Gateway Courses: BIOL 2500, BIOL 2510, BIOL 3200, PSYC 3120, PSYC Elective, STAT 2510

SENIOR

- Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses that fulfill graduation requirements and prepare you for programs

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE



Sciences Center Classroom Building, home of COSAM student advising.

- Meet with an academic advisor to choose courses required or recommended by programs
- Explore career options (auburn.edu/career)

- Use academic support services (auburn.edu/academicsupport) to improve your grades and prepare for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Meet with a career counselor (auburn.edu/career) if still exploring options and with the pre-health counselor if a health profession is your goal

- Schedule a credit check with your academic advisor to prepare for graduation
- Meet with the pre-health counselor to learn about assistance with the application process

- Schedule a final credit check to ensure you are on track to graduate
- Meet with the pre-health director to discuss completing a post-baccalaureate program before applying to programs

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- If interested in PA shadow physicians and physician assistants engaged in general and specialty practice. If PT, shadow physical therapists in private clinics and in-patient facilities such as hospitals.
- Volunteer at indigent-care clinics and nursing homes

- Investigate summer internships (auburn.edu/career) and Study Abroad programs (auburn.edu/studyabroad)
- Take GRE practice tests and continue shadowing
- Schedule a mock interview during fall semester

- Take an online GRE practice test in January and the actual GRE before applying, allowing time to retake it if necessary
- Begin undergraduate research (auburn.edu/undgres)
- Complete the application process about one year prior to projected enrollment

- Continue to shadow, participate in extracurricular activities and volunteer in the community
- Begin/continue undergraduate research (auburn.edu/undgres)

GET INVOLVED

- Become an associate member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, join the listserv, attend meetings and participate in its community service activities (auburn.edu/aed)
- If interested in PT, join the Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Club (PTOTC)



- Continue participation in AED or PTOTC-sponsored community service and leadership opportunities as well as attend meetings. If an active member of AED, apply for national membership

- Continue involvement with AED or PTOTC by attending meetings and other Pre-PA and Pre-PT sponsored activities and by serving as an elected or appointed officer

- Pursue leadership roles in student organizations in which you participate including AED or PTOTC.

CAREER PLANNING

AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

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Physicians Assistants (PAs) and Physical Therapists (PTs) are vital providers in the allied healthcare system. Increasingly, hospitals and clinics are hiring PAs to better serve their populations. PTs provide necessary support and care in long-term physical recovery and are in demand.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$49.6K - \$92.5K

PHYSICAL THERAPIST
MINIMUM EDUCATION: D.P.T.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$54.6K - \$84.4K

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S./Ph.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$51.6K - \$77.3K

Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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