**Pre-Physician Assistant (PA) Concentration** & **Pre-Physical Therapy (PT) Concentration**

*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, SCMH 1890
- 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)

**SOPHOMORE**

- Gateway Courses: BIOL 2500, BIOL 2510, BIOL 3200, PSYC 3120, PSYC Elective, STAT 2510
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses that fulfill graduation requirements and prepare you for programs
- 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

**JUNIOR**

- 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
- 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
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**SENIOR**

- 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.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.
- Investigate summer internships (auburn.edu/career) and Study Abroad programs (auburn.edu/studyabroad)
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- 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.

**AS FOR ASSISTANCE**

**GAIN EXPERIENCE**

**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)
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**PATHWAYS**

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