All enrolled students must have participated in the competitive admissions process. All completed coursework will be considered in the admissions process. Prerequisite requirements cannot be waived. Exceptions are not permitted. Prerequisite coursework and degree requirements must be completed at colleges and universities located within and accredited by accrediting agencies in the United States. Coursework completed outside of the United States may be deemed equivalent by the PA admissions committee. The minimum amount of semester credit hours may not be waived. All prerequisites courses must have been completed with a grade of “C” (2.0 on 4.0 scale), “Pass” or higher. Prerequisite science courses must be designed for science majors. Prerequisite courses cannot be used simultaneously to meet more than one prerequisite.

**Application.**

All students applying for enrollment into the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program.

**Definitions.**

None.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

1. The type and amount of prerequisite coursework required for enrollment in the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program shall be published on the program’s website.

   **Responsible Party:** Physician Assistant Studies Program.

2. **Course Work Completed at Institutions Outside of the US:** If an applicant has completed courses at a college or university that is not located within the United States and chooses to apply that study towards prerequisite requirements, the applicant must adhere to requirements posted in the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistant (CASPA) application instructions and guidelines for transcript evaluation through an approved foreign transcript evaluation service.
3. **Prerequisite Coursework Substitutions**: An applicant may request substitution of a body of coursework to satisfy a specific prerequisite requirement by substitution. The substitute coursework must otherwise meet the above requirements. A catalog description or copy of the original course syllabus from the college or university where the substitute coursework was completed must be submitted with the request. Coursework substitutions must represent equivalent or comparable courses of study and semester credit hours requirements as the original prerequisite. Prerequisite substitutions are approved on an individual basis.

   **Responsible Party**: Applicant.

4. The PA Admissions office reserves the right to approve or deny any coursework substitution.

   **Responsible Party**: Physician Assistant Studies Program.

5. **Prerequisite Review**: A supplemental application may be required to document completion of prerequisite courses. All coursework is converted to semester credit hours (SCH) when calculating grade point averages and determining if prerequisite requirements have been met.

   **Responsible Party**: Office of Admissions.

**References and Cross-references**.

15.402 SHP – Physician Assistant Admissions
15.408 SHP – Physician Assistant Transfer of Credit
15.414 SHP – Physician Assistant Advance Placement and Course Waivers

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