SRU has an excellent Physician Assistant (PA) program

At SRU, you can earn your Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies. This program provides a unique curriculum, practical hands-on experience, many clinical rotations, and faculty-student research opportunities. To learn more about the SRU PA program, visit www.sru.edu/PA

SRU provides outstanding undergraduate preparation for PA school

- Earn a bachelor’s degree with any major in a specific discipline
- Excellent reputation in sciences and health sciences
- Faculty who get to know and interact with their students
- Classes taught by faculty ONLY
- Advisors who partner with students to plan for graduate studies and careers
- Practical, hands-on education
- Modern classrooms and laboratories

Before you begin SRU’s PA program, you must complete the pre-requisite courses including:

- Principles of Biology / Lab
- Anatomy and Physiology I & II / Labs
- Genetics / Lab
- Medical Microbiology / Lab or Microbiology / Lab
- Chemistry I & II / Labs
- Organic Chemistry
- Statistics
- Psychology
- Medical Terminology

SRU has options for Pre-PA

At SRU, we have strong undergraduate majors that will provide you with excellent preparation for PA school. You can select any undergraduate major that matches your interests. SRU offers both traditional and accelerated options:

Traditional
Complete the requirements for your chosen major and the pre-requisites for the SRU PA program and apply to the SRU PA program in your senior year.

Accelerated 3+2
Earn a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies at SRU in five years rather than six. In the first three years, you complete your undergraduate major courses and pre-requisites for the SRU PA program. During your third undergraduate year, you apply for admission into the SRU PA program. If accepted, your first year in the SRU PA program meets the remaining requirements for your undergraduate degree. If not accepted, you continue to complete your undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program. The accelerated option is for incoming freshmen only.

These majors provide an accelerated option:

- Biology
- Psychology
- Exercise Science
- Public Health
- Health Care Administration and Management

For more information, see reverse side.
Accelerated Options

**Biology** – This major provides an introduction to the basic biological principles at the molecular, cellular, organism and population levels. The degree program provides a breadth of training in the biological sciences, or concentrations in the paramedical fields.

**Exercise Science** – This major provides a strong science base including anatomy, exercise physiology, and biomechanics, which then allows students to apply this knowledge while working with “real” people using exercise as medicine. Students develop expertise in utilizing the newest technologies and hands-on learning experiences under the careful supervision of a student-centered faculty. The SRU Exercise Science Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP), (http://www.caahep.org/).

**Health Care Administration and Management** – This major provides knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders within the health care industry. There is a greater demand than ever for medical practitioners with administration and management skills. Students take courses to develop expertise in health care quality and continuous improvement, health care legal and regulatory environment, managed care and insurance, information systems, financial management, and learn to lead others in a professional health care setting.

**Psychology** – This major provides a base of scientific knowledge and skills for understanding human behavior and functioning. Students learn foundations of psychological processes, including interpersonal, developmental, cognitive, emotional, and neurobiological, which prepare students for careers focused on promoting well-being and addressing psychological problems.

**Public Health** – This major provides a broad-based health curriculum with a focus on keeping the population healthy. Students take courses in the five core areas of study: health behavior, biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, and health administration.

How many SRU students get accepted to the PA program?

The SRU PA program admits 52 students per year, and of those 52, does not limit the number of highly qualified applicants it will accept from SRU undergraduate programs.

What can I do in high school to prepare?

You could take courses in biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, psychology and statistics. While you are highly encouraged to take advanced placement courses in these areas to enhance learning opportunities, you will have to take these courses as an undergraduate at SRU.