

# PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES AT SRU

The physician assistant studies program at SRU enrolled its first cohort in summer 2016 and prepares students for a rewarding career in a high-demand area of health care as a physician assistant. PAs are trained and licensed to examine patients, diagnose injuries and illnesses and provide treatment. The innovative PA program at SRU will prepare students to enter one of the fastest growing professions in the nation by offering an interactive curriculum during the first year of study and unique experiences during the second year. At SRU, we have strong undergraduate majors that will provide you with excellent preparation for PA school. SRU offers both traditional and accelerated options in which students can select an undergraduate major that matches their interests. The SRU PA program admits 52 students per year but that will not limit the number of highly qualified applicants it will accept from SRU undergraduate programs.

For more information about the SRU PA program and its requirements, please visit [www.sru.edu/PA](http://www.sru.edu/PA).

### TRADITIONAL PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Students should choose an undergraduate major that best suits their interests and then complete the requirements for their chosen major while also completing pre-requisite coursework for the SRU PA program. Students choosing this option will apply to the PA program during their senior year at SRU.

### ACCELERATED 3+2 PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

The accelerated options are for first-year students only and allow students to earn both their bachelor's degree and Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies degree in five years rather than six. During the first three years, students complete their undergraduate major courses and pre-requisites for the SRU PA program. During students' third undergraduate year is when they would apply for admission into the SRU PA program. If accepted into the PA program, students' completion of their first year meets the remaining requirements for their undergraduate degree. If students are not accepted into SRU's PA program, they would continue to complete their undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program their senior year.

The following majors are available for the 3+2 accelerated option:

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

Students should access SRU's majors webpage to learn more about each major to determine which best suits their interests at [www.sru.edu/majors](http://www.sru.edu/majors).

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## SRU PROVIDES AN OUTSTANDING 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
- Advisers who partner with students to plan for graduate studies and careers
- Practical, hands-on education
- Modern classrooms and laboratories

## REQUIRED UNDERGRADUATE PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

- 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



## HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Students in high school can prepare by taking high school coursework in biology, anatomy and physiology, psychology, statistics, chemistry and physics. While it is highly recommended to take advanced placement courses in these areas to enhance learning opportunities, students will be strongly encouraged to take these courses as an undergraduate at SRU.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[www.sru.edu/majors](http://www.sru.edu/majors)

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