

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Banner code: 2_CN_PREPA

Control number: 37902

Financial aid: Eligible

The Pre-Physician Assistant certificate satisfies prerequisite coursework for most graduate-level programs in this field. The 19 unit certificate program offers students the opportunity to complete the required foundational sciences, social science, and statistics coursework. The certificate focuses on providing students who want to apply to a master's degree program certified by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant for the professional credential, Physician Assistant (PA).

Program Level Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Name and identify the basic structures of the human body.
2. Explain the six criteria that are used to define normal versus abnormal behavior.
3. Develop an understanding of statistical modeling through the study of and applications to data sets in the social and behavioral sciences.

Certificate of Achievement Requirements

This certificate goes through the State approval process and requires a minimum of 12 units of coursework in a particular academic or occupational area. The certificate programs normally include only those courses which have a direct bearing upon specialized occupational competency since the objective of earning the career certificate is immediate employment in a specialized area. Upon successful completion of the program and completing the application, the student will receive the certificate and be recognized at the graduation ceremony. In order to earn a Certificate of Achievement all courses that apply to the certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" in each course unless otherwise stated. A minimum of 12 units in residence at GWC is required, and 50 percent of the certificate program must be completed at GWC.

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
BIOL G220	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL G225	Human Physiology	4
BIOL G182	Zoology	4
MATH G160	Introduction To Statistics	4
PSYC G100	Introduction To Psychology	3
Total Units		19

Recommended Program Sequence

These sequences are general maps for students to finish all requirements for the Certificate. There may be advisories or time requirements that students may want to consider before following these maps. **Students are advised to meet with a GWC Counselor for alternate sequencing.**

Year 1:

Course	Title	Units
Semester 1		
BIOL G100 or BIOL G221	Introduction To Biology Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology	4
PSYC G100	Introduction To Psychology	3
<i>Units</i>		<i>7</i>

Course	Title	Units
Semester 2		
BIOL G220	Human Anatomy	4
MATH G160	Introduction To Statistics	4
<i>Units</i>		<i>8</i>

Year 2:

Course	Title	Units
Semester 3		
BIOL G225	Human Physiology	4
<i>Units</i>		<i>4</i>

Course	Title	Units
Semester 4		
BIOL G182	Zoology	4
<i>Units</i>		<i>4</i>