

Pre-Health Professions at Truman State University

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Spotlight on Health Professions: Physician Assistant

What is a Physician Assistant (PA)?

PAs are trained medical professionals who can diagnose, treat, and prescribe medicine. For more information, [this](#) is a good overview of all of the things PAs can do professionally.

How do you become a PA?

You must attend an accredited PA school. Most programs award master's degrees after approximately 3 years of academic & clinical work.

What is required to go to PA school?

Generally, these are the Truman equivalent of the requirements to go to PA school:

- * BIOL 107 & 108
- * 2 semesters of Anatomy & Physiology w/ labs
- * BIOL 204 or 304
- * CHEM 130 & 131
- * [CHEM 329 & 331, 330/332 or 333] or [CHEM 320] — depends on major
- * CHEM 335
- * PSYC 166 & (some schools) a 2nd semester of Psychology
- * HLTH 200

Where can I find more information?

[This blog](#) is a great starting point for undergraduate students who are considering the Physician Assistant route.

The [American Academy of PAs \(AAPA\)](#) is the national professional society for Physician Assistants.

Important Dates & Deadlines

- **September 12th**—The last day to drop a semester-long course *without* a W on your transcript. \$50 fee applies.
- **October 27th**—The last day to drop a semester-long course (with a W on your transcript & a \$50 fee).



- * Pre-Chiropractic
- * Pre-Dental
- * Pre-Medical
- * Pre-Medical Technology
- * Pre-Occupational Therapy
- * Pre-Optometry
- * Pre-Pharmacy
- * Pre-Physical Therapy
- * Pre-Physician Assistant
- * Pre-Veterinary

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Upcoming Events

Featured Upcoming Events

Majors & Minors Fair TODAY (September 6th) 2-5pm in the SUB

Stop by and check out all of Truman State's options for majors and minors as well as pre-professional programs. Brittany Harden will be there, representing pre-health professions.

Pre-Health Info Table in the SUB on Thursday, September 7th 10am-11am

On the first Thursday of each month, Brittany Harden will be at a table in the SUB to answer any questions you have about pre-health professions. Stop by and say hi!

UMKC Pharmacy on Friday, September 8th 12:30pm-1:20pm in MG 1000

Steve McDonald, Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator at UMKC Pharmacy, will be here to talk about their programs. They have Pharm. D. programs in Kansas City, Columbia, & Springfield.

FREE Webinar: "Dealing with Rejection" on Monday, September 11th 7pm-8:30pm

ASDA (American Student Dental Association) is putting on a FREE webinar about healthy ways to deal with rejection — this would be a good resource for any pre-health student. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).

DPT Education World Fair (online) on Tuesday, September 12th 9am-9pm

Pre-Physical Therapy students and those potentially interested in PT should consider attending this free event online. Admissions representatives from Physical Therapy schools will be present. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).

Arkansas College of Medicine (ARCOM) FREE Experience on Saturday, September 23rd 9am-4pm in Fort Smith, AR

ARCOM is hosting a FREE experience day at their campus in Fort Smith, Arkansas on September 23rd. This is an all day event and requires pre-registration. For more information click [here](#). To RSVP, click [here](#).

ATSU DO/DMD for a Day Program: Tuesday, October 3rd 8am-5pm

ATSU hosts multiple DO/DMD days in which undergraduate students can experience a typical day in the life of a DO/DMD student. The first one this fall is October 3rd. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#). You may also see the flyer that was attached to the newsletter email.

Did You Know?

We have overviews of all pre-health professions requirements & ideas on shadowing, volunteering, & research in Kirksville.

Visit <http://excellence.truman.edu/advising/pre-health-professions/> for more information!

We have a table with great information regarding pre-health professions, schools, admissions tests, and other pertinent information. We have test prep materials available for checkout.

The information table is located in the Kirk Building hallway, outside of the freshmen academic advising office (Kirk Building 107). To check out materials, contact [Brittany Harden](#) or make an appointment to meet with her.

We will have a table in the SUB on the first Thursday of each month from 10am-11am to answer any questions you might have.

We have an archive of all of the previous newsletters.

Click [here](#) for more information!

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For more information:
[Pre-Health Professions at Truman](#)

Meet with a pre-health advisor or the pre-health coordinator:

If you are in your second year at Truman AND majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Exercise Science, or Health Science:

- You should meet with the designated pre-health advisor in your major. Depending on the department, some major advisors have a specific pre-health profession and some are versed in multiple pre-health professions.

If you are a first-year student OR a first-semester transfer OR are majoring in anything **other** than Biology, Chemistry, Exercise Science, or Health Science:

- You should meet with Brittany Harden to help guide your preparation for health professions school. You may call 660-785-7403 or stop by the advising reception desk in Kirk Building 107 (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm) to make an appointment.