



**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
CHILD HEALTH ASSOCIATE/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
Prerequisite Worksheet**

**COURSES TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION DEADLINE\*:**

GENERAL CHEMISTRY OR ABOVE WITH LAB AS REQUIRED FOR SCIENCE MAJORS (8 SEM/12 QTR HRS)

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BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (14 SEM/20 QTR HRS – OFFERED THROUGH A Biology Department) **with a minimum of 6 sem/9 qtr hrs upper division completed within the last five years of the application deadline.** As a portion of the 14 sem/20 qtr hrs of biological science 1 semester of physiology and 1 semester of anatomy or 1 year of a combined anatomy and physiology is also required. (If the anatomy and physiology are taken at the upper division level, they may be used to fulfill the upper division credits.)

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PHYSIOLOGY – UPPER DIVISION YES OR NO

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ANATOMY – UPPER DIVISION YES OR NO

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Other Upper division

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Upper division completed within 5 years of application Yes

(The most common numbering system for upper division credits is 300, 3000 or above. However, numbering systems may vary depending on the institution. If you are unsure whether courses are upper division, check with your institution’s registrar or course catalog for the numbering system of your institution.)

Biological science courses must be related to the study of medicine. Additional recommended courses include biochemistry, cell biology, and microbiology.

**GRADUATE RECORD EXAM**

Completed within 5 years of application? Yes

(For applicants holding graduate level degrees, the **5 year time limit** will be waived.)

**COURSES TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO MATRICULATION\*:**

GENETICS (3 SEM/4 QTR HOURS) Even if taken in a biology department, genetics may not be used to fulfill any of the CHA/PA biological science prerequisite.

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PSYCHOLOGY (6 SEM/9 QTR HRS) Sociology courses do not meet the psychology requirement unless cross-listed with psychology.

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STATISTICS (3 SEM/4 QTR HRS- (offered through a math, psychology, or social science department)

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BACHELOR’S DEGREE- NO SPECIFIC MAJOR IS REQUIRED

THE CHA/PA PROGRAM HAS **NO** REQUIREMENT FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF PATIENT CARE CONTACT HOURS. SHADOWING A PA OR VOLUNTEERING IS RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED.

If you are unsure whether a course will meet the CHA/PA prerequisites, please send the following information to [chapa-info@ucdenver.edu](mailto:chapa-info@ucdenver.edu): the prerequisite in question, course title, course number, credits, institution, term and year course was taken, and year in which you are applying to the CHA/PA Program.

**PLEASE FIND DETAILED PREREQUISITE INFORMATION ON THE CHA/PA WEBSITE - [www.uchsc.edu/chapa](http://www.uchsc.edu/chapa)**

**(\*ALL CHA/PA PREREQUISITES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A “C” GRADE OR HIGHER-PASS/FAIL COURSES ARE NOT ACCEPTED. )**