

# UW Degree Plan for MEDEX: PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT (PA) (2022-23)

AA-DTA used for this degree. SCC CShaffer

<https://familymedicine.uw.edu/medex/applicants/academic-prerequisites/>

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In addition to the bachelor's degree with the appropriate prerequisites, application to the PA program must also have a **minimum of 2000hrs (1yr) of recent, paid, direct patient care**. Students who are accepted have an **average of 6.5yrs (13,000 hrs) in clinical fields**.

Individuals who possess a **bachelor's degree already**, just need the prerequisites listed below in **bold**.

Check with MEDEX for prerequisites taken more than 5 years ago.

## First Quarter

**ENGL& 101** - English Composition I 5cr

(COMMUNICATION) GUID 102 - Strategies for Success

3cr (ELECTIVE)

HLTH 174 – First Aid 3cr (or other: HLTH 101/104/270) (HEALTH)

**BIOL& 160** – General Biology with Lab 5cr (MATH/SCIENCE GROUP B)

## Second Quarter

**ENGL& 102**- English Composition II 5cr (COMMUNICATION)

**BIOL& 260** – Microbiology with Lab 5cr (ELECTIVE)

MATH 87 - Algebra for Math Literacy I 5cr (if needed per assessment/testing)

\*PE 187 2cr – (there are many Physical Ed classes you can choose from) (ACTIVITY)

## Third Quarter

**PSYC& 100** - Intro to Psychology 5cr (SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP A)

**BIOL& 241** – Human AP I with Lab 5cr (MATH/SCIENCE GROUP C)

MATH 88 - Algebra for Math Literacy II 5cr (if needed per assessment/testing)

Consider attending an info session: <https://familymedicine.uw.edu/medex/applicants/information-sessions/>

**Fourth Quarter** (Summer) (If Fall, then take courses listed in fifth quarter)

CMST 227 - Intercultural Communication 5cr **or** **CMST 226** - Gender Communication 5cr (HUMANITIES-DIVERSITY)

**BIOL& 242** – Human AP II with Lab 5cr (ELECTIVE)

## Fifth Quarter

**CHEM& 121** – Intro to Chemistry with Lab 5cr (MATH/SCIENCE)

\*MUSC 109 - World Music 5cr "W" (Look for a Writing Intensive Course section) (HUMANITIES)

**MATH& 146** - Intro to Statistics 5cr (MATH/SCIENCE)

## Sixth Quarter

CHEM& 122 – Intro to Organic Chemistry 5cr (ELECTIVE)

\*POLS 125 - Intro Global Issues 5cr (or other SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP B)

**SOC& 101**–Intro to Sociology 5cr (or other SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP A or B)

## Seventh Quarter

CHEM& 123 – Intro to Biochemistry 5cr (ELECTIVE) (recommended)

\*HUM 107 – Intro to Cultural Studies 5cr (or other HUMANITIES)

\*MATH& 107 - Math in Society 5cr (or another ELECTIVE)

\*When non bolded examples are used, students may choose **ANY COURSE** from that area of Associate in Arts- Direct Transfer Agreement - AA-DTA - WORKSHEET in COMMUNICATION/QSR/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCE/MATH SCIENCE/HEALTH PE /ELECTIVES. 5cr are require in "W" Writing Intensive. Always check to make sure the class section you select for a "W", is

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5cr are required in “W” Writing Intensive. Always check to make sure the class section you select for a “W”, is listed “W”. 5cr are required in “D” Diversity. CMST 227 or 226 meets both SCC Diversity requirement.

With careful planning and coordination with your college Counselor, the completion of your AA-DTA, allows you to pursue your **bachelor’s degree (which is required)** at a four-year college or university. A **specific major** is not required as long as **all of the prerequisites are completed** with no less than a 2.7 in each course and a 3.0 or higher cumulative gpa. **In addition to the bachelor’s degree with the appropriate prerequisites, application to the PA program must also have a minimum of 2000hrs (1yr) of recent, paid, direct patient care.** To be competitive, a MEDEX applicant will have 4,000+ hours in a direct hands-on care capacity. The most competitive positions will have significant patient care responsibility that includes development of clinical skills and medical decision-making. |

#### From UW MEDEX Admissions info:

Each of the MEDEX prerequisite courses must be taken as a “standalone” course, separate from any prior certificate training or professional degree program. Courses can be taken at any regionally accredited community college or university for a letter grade or grade on a 4.0 scale. This may include some college courses completed online, but applicants should check the accreditation status of the online institution before registering for courses. Each prerequisite course must be completed with a B- (2.7) or better (per course). All MEDEX prerequisite coursework must be completed by the application deadline.

- Prerequisite courses taken *autumn quarter*, completed after the application deadlines, *will not be considered when evaluating prerequisites.*
- Coursework planned for spring or summer quarter of the upcoming year will not be accepted.
- Overall minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher for the last 2 years (90 quarter or 60 semester credits) of coursework
- A baccalaureate degree must be completed at a regionally accredited institution and conferred by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which an application is submitted.
- Official GRE scores (within 5 years)
  - Due to the global pandemic, MEDEX Northwest no longer requires the GRE for the 2021-2022 application cycle, however it is recommended. Official scores can be sent directly to CASPA using code 0548 as part of the application to MEDEX. It is preferred that scores also be self-reported on the CASPA application.
  - GRE scores will not be required for applicants with a prior master’s degree earned at a regionally accredited institution.
- Advanced Placement courses will not meet MEDEX Science and Statistics prerequisites. MEDEX Science and Statistics prerequisites must be taken at the college level. AP Coursework can be used to meet only the MEDEX English requirements when it appears on a college transcript.

**Profile: A Competitive MEDEX Applicant** <https://familymedicine.uw.edu/medex/applicants/profile-a-competitive-medex-applicant/>

This profile is meant as an overview of the strengths of common competitive applicants, not to capture all acceptable or required elements in an application. Not all listed items are required to be a successful applicant to the MEDEX program, but all recommendations are designed to help applicants best prepare a competitive application.

Remember, MEDEX is looking for applicants who demonstrate that they are thoroughly prepared both academically and clinically to succeed in an intense, scientific, professional medical curriculum, where they can ultimately become qualified healthcare providers.

#### Academic History:

A competitive MEDEX applicant will have a comprehensive science background; upper division health-related science coursework is preferred.

Science prerequisites will be recent, within 3-5 years of application.

Overall, science, and 90 credit **GPA’s will be at or above a 3.45.**

Quantitative GRE scores will be at or above the 30th percentile.

**Clinical History:**

To be competitive, a MEDEX applicant will have 4,000+ hours in a direct hands-on care capacity. The most competitive positions will have significant patient care responsibility that includes development of clinical skills and medical decision-making.

The most common accepted examples of these positions include: military medicine (corpsman, healthcare specialist, medic, etc.), emergency medicine (paramedic, EMT, ER tech), nursing fields (RN,LPN/LVN), respiratory therapy, and medical assisting.

**Volunteerism:**

Competitive MEDEX applicants will have a history of volunteerism and connection to their community. While individual short-term volunteering opportunities are valued, applicants with long-term volunteering commitments will be viewed as more competitive.

**PA Shadowing:**

A competitive MEDEX applicant will have spent hours shadowing or working directly with a PA in order to understand the role of the profession. The strongest applicants will have experience with PAs in various medical specialties in order to develop a broadened exposure to healthcare.

**References:**

A competitive MEDEX applicant will have 3-5 recent references from healthcare professionals who can comment on qualifications and aptitude for the PA profession.

The best references will be comprehensive from a source that knows the applicant well, with at least one from a PA.

**Geographic Connection:**

A competitive MEDEX applicant will live (or have lived), have a strong connection to, or a desire to work in the MEDEX service region of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho or Hawaii. MEDEX looks for applicants who have a commitment to serving the healthcare needs of the WWAMI and Hawaii regions

**Personal Statements:**

Competitive MEDEX applicants use the personal statement on the CASPA application to clearly explain their goals in becoming a PA, including their understanding of the profession. The best personal statement will tell MEDEX reviewers something about the applicant that is not apparent in other sections of the application.

**MEDEX Mission:**

Finally, a competitive MEDEX applicant will understand the [MEDEX mission](#) and how their personal mission aligns with the goals of the program. Stated personal missions or connections to the [MEDEX mission](#) should be echoed in an applicant's work, shadowing, or volunteer history.

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