

Physician Assistants (PAs) are members of one of the fastest growing health professions in the country. As an integral part of the health care team, PAs work closely with physicians and provide many of the same services. PAs take medical histories, perform physical examinations, establish diagnoses, perform diagnostic procedures, order laboratory test, establish treatment plans, prescribe drugs as well as counsel and educate patients. PAs have been successful in bringing health care to underserved, rural and inner city areas.

Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant: A Primary Care Physician Assistant with Expertise in PediatricsThe Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant (CHA/PA) is a primary care PA with specialized education in the care of infants, children and adolescents as well as education in the care of adult patients. Originally conceived as an innovative three year pediatric PA program by Dr. Henry K. Silver, Professor of Pediatrics, the program has evolved to meet the needs of Colorado's population and today program graduates are prepared to provide comprehensive medical care to patients of all ages and practice under state and national guidelines established for all PAs. Students need a minimum 2.8 GPA as well as science GPA to apply. The average GPA of CHA/PA students is 3.5.

CCA's Recommended Degree Program: Associate of Science. Bachelor's degree required for transfer; 60 credits hours may be taken at CCA.

<u>Prerequisites</u>	<u>Course Number</u>
General biology (with lab)	BIO 111/112
Anatomy & Physiology (preferred)	BIO 201/202
General chemistry (with lab)	CHE 111/112
Psychology	PSY 101/235 recommended
Humanities courses	Languages, fine arts, music, writing (not including ENG 121), philosophy, speech (SPE 115 recommended).
Statistics	MAT 135
College Genetics	
Biology*	Upper division

*Biochemistry, cell biology, and microbiology are additionally recommended. Electives in organic chemistry may be helpful to prepare students for biochemistry.

Notes:

All prerequisite courses must be taken at an accredited college or university. We accept courses from schools accredited by the Middle States Association (MS), North Central Association (NC), New England Association (NE), North West Association (NW), Southern Association (SA), and Western States Association (WS). Generally, technical college courses are not acceptable.

To be considered for admission, applicants must have an overall and science GPA of at least 2.8 on a scale of 4.0. All prerequisite courses must have a grade of "C" or higher to be accepted.

Courses taken on a pass/fail basis, correspondence courses and CLEP credits do not fulfill prerequisites. Advance Placement (AP) courses are evaluated on an individual basis. Generally, if you have acceptable AP courses, you will not be required to retake a course you have already completed, however, you will need to take an equal number of credit hours of other courses within the department.

Prerequisites must be taken in their respective departments. For example physiology must be in the biology or physiology departments. Other departments such as in the exercise/ PT/ kinesiology or nursing departments generally do not have the depth nor the breadth required. Science courses must be completed at a US college or university.

**For more info on this exciting program, as well as for detailed admission requirements, visit
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