



# GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

### Application Checklist

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#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Completed and verified application to Gardner-Webb University through CASPA
- Supplemental application and fee (Instructions for completion will be emailed)
- US Citizen or Permanent Resident Status
- Three Letters of Recommendation
  - › At least one letter must come from an advanced care practitioner or physician (PA, NP, MD, or DO).

#### PREREQUISITE COURSE WORK (from US regionally accredited institution)

- Human Anatomy and Physiology with labs ..... two semesters or equivalent
  - › Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs OR
  - › Anatomy with lab and Physiology with lab
- Additional Biology ..... one semester or equivalent
- Microbiology with lab..... one semester or equivalent
- Additional Chemistry with lab..... one semester or equivalent
- Organic Chemistry with lab or Biochemistry ..... one semester or equivalent
- Statistics (business statistics not accepted) ..... one course
- Psychology (General, Abnormal or Developmental) ..... one course
- Medical Terminology (certificate course acceptable)..... one course
  - › Cumulative prerequisite GPA of 3.0. Each course must have a B- or higher. With the exception of Medical Terminology, survey courses do not meet the prerequisite requirements (usually a 100 or 101 class). We do not accept online lab courses.

#### HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE

- A minimum of 1,000 direct patient contact hours are required.
  - › The program places importance on health care familiarity and evaluates the quality and quantity of an applicant's experience with direct "hands-on" patient health care. Patient care experience will be evaluated based on the type of experience and the number of hours in a clinical setting.

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must meet the Gardner-Webb PA Studies Program Technical Standards.
- If an applicant indicates that English is not their native language on the CASPA application, they MUST provide one of the following requirements:
  - › Two (2)-semesters of English composition or its equivalent in English studies, earning a grade of B- or better; or
  - › TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores submitted with the CASPA application or directly to GWU PA Admissions from the Educational Testing Service. A minimum total score of 93 with a minimum speaking score of 26 is required.