URI
PRE-HEALTH ADVISING

URI-Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Studies Program
Linkage – 2023 Admission Cycle

JWU will interview all qualified URI applicants for the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies who meet the following academic and experiential requirements, and adhere to application procedures as outlined below.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Complete at least 32 of the following required credits prior to application with no grade below C must be completed by December 2022. All remaining required courses must by completed by the end of May 2023. Advanced Placement (AP) or other pre-college credits do not fulfill these requirements.

Anatomy and Physiology—8 credits:

BIO 220-221 (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab) and 222-223 (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab).

NOTE: BIO 121-242-244 are also acceptable. Anatomy & Physiology coursework expires after 7 years.

Biology—8 credits with labs (BIO or CMB):

BIO 101-103, Principles of Biology I and Lab (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab)
BIO 102-104, Principles of Biology II and Lab (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab)

NOTE: If you have AP or other pre-collect credit: take 8 credits of advanced BIO or CMB with laboratory.

Microbiology—4 credits:

CMB 201 OR 211

Genetics—4 credits:

BIO/CMB 352

Chemistry—8 credits with labs:

Possible combinations:

CHM 101-102 (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab) and CHM 112-114 (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab)
CHM 103-105 (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab) and CHM 124-126 (3 cr. w/ 1 cr. lab)

Also applicable:

CHM 227 (3 cr. lecture)  CHM 226 (2 cr. lab)
CHM 228 (3 cr. lecture)  CMB 311 (3 cr.)
**College-Level Mathematics; Statistics Preferred**—3 credits minimum:

- STA 307, 308, or higher OR MTH 103 or higher

**Behavioral Science, psychology and Sociology Preferred**—6 credits:

- PSY 113 (3 cr.) or higher
- SOC 100 (3 cr.) or higher

**Minimum GPAs:** A CASPA-calculated cumulative grade point average of 3.30 and a CASPA calculated BCP grade point average of 3.30. BCP courses at URI are in BIO, CMB, CHM, and PHY.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

At least 250 hours of direct patient care experience (paid or volunteer) in an allopathic or osteopathic medical setting prior to application are required. Qualifying experiences are specified on the JWU website; experiences not indicated on the website should be verified as acceptable by the Director of Admissions in advance of participation.

PA shadowing/observing experience. PA shadowing is observing a PA in a clinical setting to obtain knowledge about the profession prior to application. No minimum number of hours required.

Letter of recommendation: arrange for a letter of recommendation from a URI faculty member in the sciences familiar with the student’s academic work. This and any other letters of recommendation should be submitted via the CASPA application.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**Optimal Timeline**

1. **By April 1, 2022:** Meet with Andrew Simmons, Director of Pre-Health Professions Advising, for an initial assessment of your qualifications for admission. Contact Dr. Simmons at ansimmons@uir.edu to set up your appointment.

2. **By May 6, 2022:** Submit your dossier for nomination to the Pre-Health Professions Advising Program. Dr. Simmons will provide you with a link to the dossier following your initial assessment meeting.

3. **By July 1, 2022**—if you are nominated for the program:
   - Submit an application to the Physician Assistant Program at Johnson & Wales University through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA).

4. **Final review is by the JWU PA admission committee. Acceptance is contingent upon:**
   - A successful in-person interview by a JWU Admissions interviewer. Interviews typically occur during the fall semester.
   - Fulfillment of all JWU requirements for admission into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program.

5. **If granted an offer of admission, it is understood that students must fulfill additional requirements for accepted applicants prior to matriculation** (e.g. physical exam, criminal background check, Basic Life Support certification.)

**Final Deadline for 2023 Linkage**

**September 1, 2022**

You can begin the application process by contacting Andrew Simmons, Ph.D., Director of Pre-Health Professions Advising, Chair of the Health Professions Advisory Committee at ansimmons@uri.edu.