URI-Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Studies Program Linkage – 2022 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.

In addition, JWU will accept six qualified URI candidates annually for admission to its graduate program leading to the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Complete at least 30 of the following 33 required credits prior to application with no grade below C. The remaining 9 credits must be completed prior to graduation from URI. Advanced Placement (AP) credits do not fulfill these requirements:

- **Anatomy and Physiology**: 8 credits, either:
  
  BIO 220-221 (3 cr w/ 1 cr lab) and 222-223 (3 cr w/ 1 cr lab)
  
  OR

  BIO 121 (4 cr w/lab) and 242-244 (3 cr w/ 1 cr lab)

- **Biology**: 8 credits (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)

  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 (starting with the 2023 application cycle)
  
  BIO/CMB 352

- **Chemistry**: 8 credits with labs from any of the following three areas:
  
  1. General Chemistry
     
     Either CHM 103/105 (4 cr) OR CHM 101/102 (4 cr) and CHM 112/114 (4 cr)

  2. Organic Chemistry
     
     CHM 124/126 (4 cr) OR CHM 227 (3 cr), CHM 228 (3 cr) and CHM 226 (2 cr)

  3. Biochemistry
     
     CMB 311 (3 cr) and EITHER CMB 312 (2 cr) OR CMB 412 (3 cr)
• **Mathematics:** Either 3 credits at the pre-calculus level (MTH 103) or higher **OR** a 3-credit statistics course such as STA 307.

• **Psychology:** 6 credits—PSY 113 General Psychology (3 credits) plus one additional Psychology/Behavioral Science course of at least 3 credits.

• **Note that English and the GRE general test are no longer required.**

• **Minimum GPAs:** A CASPA-calculated overall cumulative grade point average of 3.30 and a minimum CASPA calculated BCP (biology, chemistry, and physics) cumulative grade point average of 3.30.

**EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT**

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

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**Optimal Timeline**

1. **By April 1, 2021:** 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 3, 2021:** 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, 2021**—if you are nominated for the program:
   
   o Submit an application to the Physician Assistant Program at Johnson & Wales University through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA).
   
   o Include a letter of recommendation from a University of Rhode Island faculty member in the sciences familiar with your academic work as part of CASPA application.

4. Final review is by the JWU PA admission committee. Acceptance is contingent upon:
   
   o A successful in-person interview by a JWU Admissions interviewer. Interviews typically occur during the fall semester.
   
   o 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 2022 Linkage**

** September 1, 2021 **

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.