URI
PRE-HEALTH ADVISING

URI-Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Studies Program Linkage – 2021 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 39 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**: 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). Typically fulfilled with BIO 101-103 (General Biology I), plus 4 credits of higher-level human or mammalian biology. In the event that a student has received Advanced Placement for BIO 101-103, a second course in human or mammalian biology may be substituted.

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

- **English**: 6 credits of writing intensive English coursework (selected from ENG, WRT and certain HPR courses as pre-approved by the Pre-Health Professions Advising Program).
**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, 2020:** 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 1, 2020:** 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. **Applicants nominated for the program will be notified by May 29, 2020.**

3. **By July 1, 2020**—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).
   - 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.
   - Arrange for submission of official scores from the Graduate Record Examination as part of the CASPA application.

4. Final review is by the JWU PA admission committee. Acceptance is contingent upon:
   - A successful in-person interview by a JWU Admissions interviewer. *The JWU admissions office will notify you regarding their interview schedule by the end of summer 2020.*
   - 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 2021 Linkage*

**September 1, 2020**

For further information, contact Andrew Simmons, Ph.D., Director of Pre-Health Professions Advising, Chair of the Health Professions Advisory Committee at ansimmons@uri.edu.