

Certificate

Pre-Medical and General Science Studies

Our rigorous post-baccalaureate certificate program provides a structured academic preparation for those planning to apply to health professional programs including medical, dental, veterinary, nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant, and physical therapy, among others.

To complete the Pre-Medical and General Science Studies certificate, you must take a **minimum** of 12 UCLA-equivalent (XL) courses.* Nine of the 12 courses must be chosen from the four core disciplines below (a minimum of one course from each area):

- Chemistry (CHEM)
- Biological Sciences (LIFESCI, PHYSCI, MIMG, or MCD BIO)
- Math/Statistics (MATH or STATS)
- Physics (PHYSICS)

The remaining three courses can be selected from these disciplines, or students may choose up to three anthropology, psychology, sociology, or language courses.

Completion time: 1.5 years (full-time pace) to 2-2.5 years (part-time pace)

Financial Aid Available

Locations:
 Westwood
 Downtown Los Angeles
 Woodland Hills

Eligible for:
 International Students
 VA Benefits

Start any quarter!

Pre-Physician Assistant Typical Foundational Courses[^]

The course list below outlines typical Pre-Physician Assistant program requirements and supplemental courses. Always check with the program to which you plan to apply for actual course requirements before beginning this certificate. To view other medical and health professional typical course sequences, select your desired track: [Pre-Med](#), [Pre-Dental](#), [Pre-Veterinary](#) and [Pre-Physical Therapy](#).

COURSE NAME & NUMBER		UNITS	Typically Offered [†]				
			FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	
Chemistry	Equals one year of General Chemistry	General Chemistry for Life Scientists I CHEM XL 14A	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		General Chemistry for Life Scientists II CHEM XL 14B	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		General and Organic Chemistry Laboratory I CHEM XL 14BL	3.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
Biological Sciences	Equals one year of General Biology	Cell and Molecular Biology LIFESCI XL 7A	5.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology LIFESCI XL 7B	5.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		Physiology and Human Biology LIFESCI XL 7C	5.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		Introduction to Laboratory and Scientific Methodology LIFESCI XL 23L	3.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		Microbiology for Nonmajors MIMG XL 6	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
	Microbiology Laboratory for Professional Schools MIMG XL 100L	3.0	Classroom		Classroom		
	Introduction to Human Physiology PHYSCI XL 3	5.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	
	Introduction to Human Anatomy PHYSCI XL 13	5.0		Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	

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Math / Statistics	Introduction to Statistical Methods for Life and Health Sciences STATS XL 13	5.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
Physics	Physics PHYSICS XL 10	4.0		Classroom	Classroom

Pre-Physician Assistant Supplemental Courses

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				WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Chemistry	Equals one year of Organic Chemistry	Structure of Organic Molecules CHEM XL 14C	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		General and Organic Chemistry Laboratory II CHEM XL 14CL	4.0	Classroom		Classroom
		Organic Reactions and Pharmaceuticals CHEM XL 14D	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
	Equals one year of Biochemistry	Biochemistry: Introduction to Structure, Enzymes, and Metabolism CHEM XL 153A	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom
		Biochemistry: DNA, RNA, and Protein Synthesis CHEM XL 153B	4.0		Classroom	Classroom
		Biochemistry: Biosynthetic and Energy Metabolism and Its Regulation CHEM XL 153C	4.0	Classroom		Classroom
Biological Sciences	Genetics LIFESCI XL 107	5.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	
Math / Statistics	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning STATS XL 10	5.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	
Psych	Introductory Psychology PSYCH XL 10	4.0	Classroom	Classroom	Classroom	
Social	Introductory Sociology SOCIOLOGY XL 1	5.0	Online		Online	

UCLA Extension also offers post-bacc courses which, while they don't count towards the certificate, can be of value for a more in-depth look at various science and math topics.

Please Note: An application and nonrefundable fee are required to establish candidacy in this program for a period of time covering normal progress toward completion, and may allow you to access a variety of program benefits. [Apply Now](#).

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