



Physician Assistant

Student Timeline:

Helpful Auburn Contacts:

Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED)

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Freshman Year:

- Visit Career Development Services to explore your career options
- Volunteer with professionals in your fields of interest
- Become an associate member of AED and participate in the volunteer activities

Sophomore:

- Decide on your major
- Continue involvement with AED
- Continue getting shadowing experience
- Make sure you are on track with your class requirements for physician assistant school
- Get involved with volunteer activities in the community and on campus

Junior Year:

- Stay involved with AED
- Continue shadowing physician assistants
- Prepare for the GRE by taking a review course or studying on your own
- Take advantage of mock interviews in the fall.
- Take multiple practice GREs during spring semester
- Take the GRE by the end of May after your junior year
- Check with PA schools to be sure you meet their application deadlines
- Begin CASPA application and complete it before fall semester of senior year

Senior Year:

- Complete all supplemental applications
- Interview
- Graduate
- Grades still matter so keep studying

Helpful Websites:

- American Academy of Physician Assistants
www.aapa.org
- PA Education Association
www.paeonline.org

Tips from Students:

- Keep a log of all your volunteer work. Include date, number of hours, and contact information for all your volunteer work.
- No one can tell you to change majors but if you have a 3.0 GPA or lower or did not make above a 24 on your ACT you may want to consider the number of classes and amount of time needed to raise your GPA to a competitive level.
- PA schools value health related experience, specifically patient contact experience. If possible, try to volunteer or work in a setting where you can have direct patient contact.