Application: Must be made via CASPA – www.caspaonline.org – available by ~ May 1st

Application Deadline: All applicants must apply through CASPA and to the ECU graduate school. The application can be completed on line at http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool/. Both components (CASPA and ECU applications) must be completed and submitted by October 1.

Basic Admitting Stats and requirements:

Admission to the program is very competitive with only 40 seats available in the one class selected each year to begin in the fall. The applicants accepted must have grade point averages and general GRE scores to satisfy the requirements of the graduate school. The PA school prerequisites must be completed with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. A competitive GRE verbal and quantitative combined score should be at least 1000 and the analytical writing score must be a minimum of 3.0. The overall GPA and math/science GPA should both be at least 3.0 to be competitive. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution is required. College seniors are eligible to apply, provided they will receive the baccalaureate degree prior to the August starting date of the PA program and complete all their prerequisites courses no later than the end of the spring term prior to the fall admission. No prerequisites will be accepted with Pass/Fail rather than a letter grade. Prerequisite courses may be taken at any regionally accredited institution of higher learning including community college. All prerequisites must have been taken within five years of application. College seniors or recent college graduates may be at a disadvantage because they often have fewer months of patient care experience than other candidates. Less than 10 percent of accepted applicants in 2004 were college seniors.

**Beginning with the applicants applying for entry in 2008 and thereafter, only the GRE will be accepted, and the Analytical Writing portion must be taken. The MCAT will not be accepted. Medical Terminology will also be a prerequisite for all future applicants. Please see the brochure for further information.

*Out-of-state applications will be accepted only from South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.

Course Prerequisites:

- **Anatomy & Physiology:**
  - BIO 495 A & B, or ZO 212 or ZO 250 with ZO 412 & 421 – These all require either BIO 181/183, ZO 150/160, ZO 160/183 or BIO 105/183 as prereqs
- **General Chemistry:** one full academic year (a minimum of 6 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours). One semester of General Chemistry and one semester of Organic Chemistry will also fulfill this requirement.
  - CH 101/102 and CH 201/202 or CH 101/102 and CH 221
- **Microbiology:** one semester
  - MB 351/352
- **Statistics:** one semester (a minimum of 3 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours)
  - ST 311
- **Psychology:** one semester (a minimum of 3 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours)
  - PSY 200 or above
- **Medical Terminology:** one semester (a minimum of 3 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours), preferably within the last five years.
  - GK 333
Not Required but Recommended: Biochemistry, Genetics

All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of Fall Semester 2006 (December 2006). All prerequisite courses must be completed with grades of “C” or better (not C minus). Courses for which credit was awarded by examination only are not acceptable toward any of the prerequisite courses – ie. Not AP, Transfer or Experimental Learning Credit will be accepted. Courses may be taken at an accredited institution of higher learning including community colleges.

Test Scores:

Official scores are required from the Graduate Record Examination general test (GRE) – submitted scores must be received before the Oct. 1 deadline. Submit scores to institutional code 5180.

Clinical Experience:

Clinical experience that includes direct patient care is NOT REQUIRED. Having a specific number of hours (or months) of health care experience is not a requirement for application and selection into the program

Contact Information:

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