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

Application Deadline: October 15th – Priority given to candidates who submit application and documentation by Sept. 1 – Decisions finalized by late February.

Basic Admitting Stats and requirements: Interview ~ 120 applicants for a class of 48

- mean overall grade point average on prior college work of 3.35
- mean science GPA on prior college work of 3.29
- mean Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Verbal score of 478
- mean GRE Quantitative score of 593
- mean GRE Analytical Writing score of 4.3
- average health care experience of 24.4 months (4,225 hours)

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution or an equivalent institution as determined by the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Applicants educated outside the U.S. and Canada must utilize a transcript evaluation service to document their schooling. The academic record must show credits and grades equivalent to those given by U.S. institutions of higher learning. At least 45 semester hours of undergraduate work (or 30 semester hours of graduate work with successful completion of a graduate level degree) must be completed in this country.

Course Prerequisites:
REQUIRED:

- General Biology: one full academic year (a minimum of 6 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours, excluding botany). Upper level biology courses are acceptable to fulfill this requirement.
  - BIO 181 & 183 or ZO 150 & 160
- 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
- Biochemistry: one semester (a minimum of 3 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours). An acceptable substitute for Biochemistry is the combination of two semesters of Organic Chemistry and a semester of Cell Biology, however these courses cannot be used to satisfy a General Biology or General Chemistry requirement.
  - BCH 451 (or CH 223 with 101/221)
- Anatomy & Physiology: one full academic year (a minimum of 6 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours) - taken within 5 years of the Application Deadline.
  - BIO 495 A & B, ZO 212 & ZO 250, or ZO 212 and ZO 412,
- Microbiology: one semester (a minimum of 3 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours) with lab preferred.
  - MB 351/352
- Statistics: one semester (a minimum of 3 semester hours or equivalent quarter hours), preferably within the last five years.
  - ST 311
All of the above courses must be completed with grades of “C” or above. Approved substitutions for prerequisite courses may be considered. All prerequisite courses, as well as the baccalaureate degree, should be completed by the end of the Fall Semester in which application is made.

The Admissions Committee may consider qualified applicants who will complete their baccalaureate degree and/or prerequisite courses in the Spring semester prior to program matriculation.

**Letters of Recommendation:** At least two of three letters of reference must be received by CASPA in order for an application to be complete. Preference is given to applicants who have at least one reference from a healthcare professional.

**Test Scores:**

Official scores of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) - General Test taken within the last five years are required. GRE scores should be sent to WFUSM institution (school) code 5923. No Department Code is needed.

**Clinical Experience:**

Clinical Experience that includes direct patient care is required. In order to be competitive, an applicant should have a minimum of six months full-time healthcare employment or 1,000 hours of hands-on patient care experience. Preference is given to applicants having experience that requires a period of training and results in direct (hands-on) patient care. Examples include, but are not limited to: EMT, Paramedic, Nurse, Medical Assistant, CNA, ER Tech, etc. Experiences such as "shadowing", laboratory testing, non-clinical research, student experience, life guard, patient transporter, or clerical work are not accepted as clinical hours. However, we encourage applicants to "shadow" a PA to become informed of the role of the PA. Applicants accepted in the last admission cycle had an average of 24.4 months (4225 hours) of direct patient care experience. Evidence of community service (i.e. healthcare for under served populations, medical mission trips, etc.) is highly valued.

**Contact Information:**

For more information about the WFUSM PA Program contact the Admissions Coordinator.