

## **DIRECT ADMISSION PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be considered for the Direct Admission Physician Assistant Program at Marietta College, students must meet rigorous standards as a high school student and throughout their college career at Marietta College.

### **High School Requirements:**

- Cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher on 4.0 grade scale:
  - Four credits of math
  - Four credits of English
  - Four credits of science that must include biology and chemistry
- Minimum ACT score of 28 or SAT score of 1320
- Minimum of eight hours of shadowing a practicing physician assistant:
  - Submission of 250 word (maximum) essay based on shadowing experience explaining the physician assistant role and responsibilities in healthcare and how they align with the student's future plans
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - One from a science teacher; one from a healthcare professional
- Successful interview with the Physician Assistant Program faculty and staff
- Meet the technical standards of the Physician Assistant Program (<https://www.marietta.edu/pa-technical-standards>)

### **Marietta College Requirements:**

- Cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale with no course withdrawals for academic reasons
- Pre-requisite GPA of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale:
  - All pre-requisite courses must be taken at Marietta College
  - Grade of "C" or better in all pre-requisite courses
  - No pre-requisite course may be pre-audited
- Quantitative and Verbal GRE scores above the 50th percentile
- Evidence of robust work ethic/leadership/extracurricular activities through college career
- Additional healthcare hours through college career **STRONGLY** recommended
- No history of conduct violations resulting in institutional suspension or dismissal
- Letter of recommendation from Marietta College Direct Admission Physician Assistant Program advisor
- Successful interview with the Physician Assistant Program faculty and staff
- Meet the technical standards of the Physician Assistant Program (<https://www.marietta.edu/pa-technical-standards>)
- Officially apply to the Physician Assistant Program through Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA—[https://help.liaisonedu.com/CASPA\\_Applicant\\_Help\\_Center](https://help.liaisonedu.com/CASPA_Applicant_Help_Center))

*Failure to maintain all Direct Admission Physician Assistant Program requirements will eliminate the student from the Direct Admission track. Marietta College students would still be eligible to receive a guaranteed interview for the program by meeting all requirements for the Marietta College Physician Assistant Guaranteed Interview. Students may also traditionally apply through CASPA.*

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