

# Pre-Health

At Fordham  
University



## Competencies & Application Materials:

Biology  
Microbiology  
Chemistry  
Physiology  
Anatomy  
Exam score  
Interviews  
Letters of Recommendation

## Physician's Assistant (P.A.)

**Description:** Physicians support and manage the health care of people of all ages. They take medical histories, perform physical examinations, conduct diagnostic tests, recommend and provide treatment, conduct research, and advise patients on their overall health and well-being. Many P.A. programs also require prior healthcare experience with hands-on patient care. Most students have about 3 years of healthcare experience before entering a program.

**Training:** 3 years of Physician Assistant Training

## Recommended Experience:

- Emergency medical technician
- Paramedic
- Medic or medical corpsman
- Peace Corps volunteer
- Lab assistant/phlebotomist
- Registered nurse
- Emergency room technician
- Surgical tech
- Certified nursing assistant
- Service based club participation
- Leadership

## 2017-2018

### Matriculants:

Exam requirements vary by school

Mean Total GPA = 3.59

## Fordham Resources:

- Leverage your own personal network or ask your pre-health advisors about shadowing opportunities.
- Check science department bulletin boards or ask a professor directly about lab openings or assisting in research.
- Join FUEMS, Fordham's own student run, on-campus EMT service ([ems@fordham.edu](mailto:ems@fordham.edu))
- A well-rounded sampling of extra-curricular activities or work experiences, both related and unrelated to medicine, will help broaden an applicant's knowledge and development.
- For more information visit the Pre-Health website, [www.fordham.edu/info/21526/pre-health\\_advising](http://www.fordham.edu/info/21526/pre-health_advising)
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