

PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Pre-professional pathway | Health Professions Advising

PREPARE FOR A CAREER AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Physician assistants combine medical knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and patient-centered care to evaluate and treat patients. At Chadron State College, Pre-Physician Assistant helps students build a strong academic foundation while completing an undergraduate degree and preparing for advanced study in physician assistant education.

With employment for physician assistants projected to grow 21 percent nationwide from 2025 to 2035, the field offers strong opportunities for students interested in direct patient care and collaborative medicine. Physician assistant education may be a good fit for those who are compassionate, adaptable, collaborative, strong communicators, and comfortable working in fast-paced health care settings.

FAST FACTS

Program Type
Pre-professional pathway

Degree
Biology

Why CSC?
Personalized faculty advising and mentoring

Real-World Connections
Connect with health professionals, clinics, hospitals, and rural communities

Next Step
Apply to Chadron State College

WHERE THIS PATHWAY CAN LEAD

CAREERS

Physician Assistant
Primary Care Physician Assistant
Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant
Surgical Physician Assistant
Pediatric Physician Assistant
Rural Health Physician Assistant

WHERE YOU COULD WORK

Hospitals and medical centers
Medical clinics
Rural health facilities
Physician practices
Emergency and urgent care settings
Specialty care practices
Government agencies

YOUR CSC EXPERIENCE

Personalized faculty advising
Health Professions Club
Mentoring and peer connections
Professional-school exploration
Rural health experiences

RURAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

For eligible rural Nebraska students, RHOP offers a Physician Assistant pathway from Chadron State College to UNMC. Students complete four years at CSC followed by a 28-month professional program at UNMC in Omaha or Kearney. Benefits may include full tuition at CSC, early acceptance to the applicable UNMC program upon successful completion of RHOP requirements, faculty advising, professional development, and sponsored visits.

PLAN YOUR PATH WITH A FACULTY ADVISOR

No single course plan fits every future physician assistant student. PA programs establish their own prerequisite courses, admission standards, application requirements, and timelines, and these requirements may change.

Your CSC faculty advisors can help you choose a major that supports your goals, understand prerequisite requirements, explore opportunities, and prepare for your next steps.

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