**Reserved Seats in Widener University’s MS in Physician Assistant Studies Program**

Up to 3 eligible students annually may apply for reserved seats in Widener University’s MS in Physician Assistant Studies program using the [CASPA centralized application system](https://paeaonline.org/resources/member-resources/caspa).

Eligibility Criteria:

* Enrolled in BS in Nutrition and Medical Sciences major
* Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 throughout undergraduate studies with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 by the end of the fall semester of senior year
* Grade of B or better in the following courses:
  + General biology or zoology - 3 credits with lab (BISC207/217)
  + Microbiology - 3 credits (BISC300 or MMSC270)
  + Other biology courses recommended: genetics, cell biology, molecular biology, embryology, histology, or immunology - 3 credits (BISC208).
  + Anatomy and physiology (completed within 5 years of attending MS program) - 8 credits with lab (KAAP309 and KAAP310).
  + General chemistry - 4 credits with lab (CHEM103/CHEM133)
  + Organic chemistry - 4 credits (CHEM213/CHEM215)
  + General psychology or behavioral psychology - 3 credits (PSYC100)
  + Statistics - 1-2 credits (STAT200)
  + Medical terminology (can be taken online) - 1 credit or certificate of completion (MMSC200).
* Documentation of at least 500 hours of direct patient/client care through employment or volunteer experience. It is recommended to complete at least 40 hours of shadowing with a Physician Assistant. The remaining hours may be completed in other clinics with other professions, such as the Nutrition Clinic, Health Coaching Clinic, Physical Therapy Clinic, etc.

Benefits of applying for one of the reserved seats:

* Expedited application review
* Guaranteed invitation to interview
* Priority consideration for acceptance

Note: Students in the Nutrition and Medical Sciences major who do not meet all of the above eligibility criteria for application to reserved seats may still apply to the Physician Assistant program and benefit from the expedited application review, guaranteed invitation to interview, and priority consideration for acceptance.