LMU-SMS Physician Assistant: Guaranteed Professional Admissions (GPA) Pathway Checklist & Timeline

Required Undergraduate Academic Requirements:
- Major in Biology pre-Health or Chemistry pre-Med
- Minimum required undergraduate courses:
  - ENGL 101 Composition I
  - MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
  - MATH 270 Probability & Statistics
  - PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
  - BIOL 111 & 112 General Biology I & II with lab
  - CHEM 111 & 112 General Chemistry I & II with lab
  - CHEM 221 & 222 Organic Chemistry I & II with lab
  - BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab
  - BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab
  - AHSC 300 Medical Terminology
  - BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab
  - Pre-PA Seminar (2)
- Recommended additional undergraduate courses:
  - ENGL 101 Composition I
  - MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
  - MATH 270 Probability & Statistics
  - PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
  - BIOL 111 & 112 General Biology I & II with lab
  - CHEM 111 & 112 General Chemistry I & II with lab
  - CHEM 221 & 222 Organic Chemistry I & II with lab
  - BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab
  - BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab
  - AHSC 300 Medical Terminology
  - BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab
  - Pre-PA Seminar (2)

Fall - Year 1

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
Begin shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting	☐	☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab ☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab ☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab
Begin direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy	☐	☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab

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technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction)		☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab
Begin collecting letters of recommendation (one letter from a physician's assistant; one letter from additional physician assistant, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, academic advisor, science/math professor, or employer.	☐	☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab ☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology ☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab ☐ Pre-PA Seminar (2)

Spring - Year 1

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Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition ☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher ☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology ☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab ☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab ☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	
Continue shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting)	☐	
Begin direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction)	☐	
Continue collecting letters of recommendation (one letter from a physician's assistant; one letter from additional physician assistant, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, academic advisor, science/math professor, or employer.	☐	☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology ☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab Pre-PA Seminar (2)

Fall - Year 2

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition ☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher ☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology ☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab ☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab ☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	
Continue shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting)	☐	
Begin direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy	☐	

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technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction)		☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab
Continue collecting letters of recommendation (one letter from a physician's assistant; one letter from additional physician assistant, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, academic advisor, science/math professor, or employer.	☐	☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab ☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology ☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab Pre-PA Seminar (2)

Spring - Year 2

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
Continue shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting)	☐	☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab ☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab
Begin direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction)	☐	☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab
Continue collecting letters of recommendation (one letter from a physician's assistant; one letter from additional physician assistant, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, academic advisor, science/math professor, or employer.	☐	☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology ☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab Pre-PA Seminar (2)

Fall - Year 3

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
Continue shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting)	☐	☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab ☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab
Begin direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy	☐	☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction)		☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab
Continue collecting letters of recommendation (one letter from a physician's assistant; one letter from additional physician assistant, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, academic advisor, science/math professor, or employer.	☐	☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab ☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology ☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab Pre-PA Seminar (2)

Spring - Year 3

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
Begin CASPA application (window opens in late April)	☐	☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab ☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab
Continue shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting)	☐	☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab
Continue direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction)	☐	☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab ☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology
Continue collecting letters of recommendation (one letter from a physician's assistant; one letter from additional physician assistant, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, academic advisor, science/math professor, or employer.	☐	☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab Pre-PA Seminar (2)

Fall - Year 4

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
Interview with SMS-PA (program contact	☐	☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
will reach out to schedule)		☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab
Continue shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting)	☐	☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab
Continue direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction)	☐	☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab ☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology
Continue collecting letters of recommendation (one letter from a physician's assistant; one letter from additional physician assistant, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, academic advisor, science/math professor, or employer.	☐	☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab Pre-PA Seminar (2)
Complete and submit CASPA application (include shadowing & patient care hours, letters of recommendation, and transcripts)	☐	

Spring - Year 4

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Required Courses
Maintain cumulative 3.0 GPA	☐	☐ ENGL 101 Composition
Maintain science GPA of 3.3	☐	☐ MATH 115 College Algebra or higher
Prerequisite courses completed with grade of "C" on first attempt	☐	☐ MATH 270 Probability & Statistics ☐ PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology
Complete shadowing hours: 40 required (at least 20 in primary care setting) by April 15	☐	☐ Gen BIO I w/ lab ☐ Gen BIO II w/ lab
Complete direct patient care hours: minimum 150 hours required (CNA, pharmacy technician, nurse, EMT, or other positions involving direct patient interaction) by April 15	☐	☐ Gen Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Gen Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ Org. Chem 1 w/ Lab ☐ Org Chem 2 w/ Lab ☐ BIOL 310 Comparative Anatomy with lab ☐ BIOL 365 General Physiology with lab ☐ AHSC 300 Medical Terminology ☐ BIOL 336 General Microbiology with lab Pre-PA Seminar (2)