

PUBLIC HEALTH, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) / PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (SRU) (TRADITIONAL)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Effective Professional Communication:** Communicate with clients in an individual or group setting and with health professionals in a variety of health settings using a combination of communication skills for a clear exchange of ideas and information, listening and comprehending the viewpoints of others, effectively presenting information in oral and written formats and integrating media/technology. (UO 1)
- Professional Competency:** Use reasoned judgment drawing upon a broad knowledge base from social, behavioral and natural science, education and health to assess, plan, implement, evaluate and coordinate health promotion for individuals and communities. (UO 2,3,4)
- Professional Ethics:** Apply high ethical standards to public health practice with a sensitivity to multicultural traditions, legal issues, and adherence to a code of ethics of professional health organizations. (UO 8,9,10)
- Continual Professional and Personal Development:** Continue personal and professional development in holistic health, including the components of physical, emotional, spiritual, social, environmental and vocational health, through continuing education, advanced study, and participation in professional health organizations. (UO 5,7,9)

What are your options?

Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2: Earn a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies in five years rather than six. In the first three years, you complete your major courses and prerequisites for the SRU PA program. At the end of your second year, you apply for admission into the SRU PA program. If accepted, your first year in the SRU PA program meets the remaining requirements for your undergraduate degree. If not accepted, you continue to complete your undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program. The accelerated option is for incoming freshmen only.

Pre-Physician Assistant (SRU Traditional): Complete the requirements for your major and the prerequisites for the SRU PA program and apply to the SRU PA program in your senior year.

RELATED LINKS

Public Health - Pre-Physician Assistant, BS Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/public-health-pre-physician-assistant/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

CURRICULUM GUIDE

GPA REQUIREMENT

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

SUMMARY*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	44
	Major Requirements	60
	Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements	0-4
	Additional Physician Assistant Prerequisite Courses	21
	Electives	0

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

ROCK STUDIES 2 REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Physical & Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
CHEM 107 & CHEM 111	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
Subtotal		17
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ²		12
Required Thematic Thread Coursework:		
EXER 250	Medical Terminology	
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	
Total Hours		44

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot

be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 30 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 30 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above
- Students may choose to earn a BS in Health Science – Public Health as preparation for graduate studies in many health care related fields. In this case, the student should learn what prerequisites are required for his/her intended graduate program and take those courses as electives while completing the Public Health program.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses in Public Health		
HLTH 103	Health and Behavior Change	3
HLTH 104	Introduction to Public Health	3
HLTH 204	Public Health Education and Communication	3
HLTH 209	Foundations of Disease in Public Health	3
HLTH 310	Environmental Health	3
HLTH 313	Biostatistics	3
HLTH 321	Advanced Disease Prevention in Public Health	3
HLTH 322	Public Health Research Methods and Data Management	3
HLTH 323	Social Determinants of Health	3
HLTH 324	Epidemiology	3
HLTH 406	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
HLTH 407	Fundamentals of Public Health Policy and Management	3
HLTH 411	Global Health	3
HLTH 440	Public Health Seminar	3
Subtotal		42
Required Internship		
HLTH 450	Internship	6
Subtotal		6
Required Course outside of Major Department		
BIOL 210	Medical Microbiology with Lab	3
Subtotal		3
Required Coursework:		
Select three courses from the list below:		9
GERT 265	Aging and the Older Person	
GERT 414	Death and Dying	
HLTH 211	Women's Health Issues	
HLTH 314	Nutrition and Health	
HLTH 316	Human Sexuality	
HLTH 408	Public Health Administration	

Subtotal	9
Total Hours	60

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATH COLLEGE-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab	1
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
BIOL 309	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Laboratory	4
Total Hours		15

ADDITIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PREREQUISITE COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
CHEM 108	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 112	General Chemistry II Lab	1
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
EXER 250 or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	3
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
Total Hours		21

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. Conference attendance
2. Service-Learning
3. Internships
4. Career Education
5. Peer Education Opportunities

Physician Assistant Studies (Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies)

Prerequisite Admission Requirements

For Application Requirements

Please refer to Slippery Rock University's Physician Assistant Studies (Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies) website for requirements: <http://www.sru.edu/pa> (<http://www.sru.edu/pa/>).

Rock Studies 2

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Courses - SRU Physician Assistant		
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
BIOL 309	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Laboratory	4
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
BIOL 210 or BIOL 330	Medical Microbiology with Lab Microbiology/Lab	3
CHEM 107 & CHEM 111	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 108 & CHEM 112	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
EXER 250 or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	3
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
<i>Inferential Statistics Course</i>		
BIOL 325	Biostatistics and Experimental Design with Lab	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
Total Hours		39

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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HEALTH SCIENCE - PUBLIC HEALTH (4010)/CIM 240
PRE-PA (SRU Traditional)
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RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
HLTH 103	Health and Behavior Change	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar *	1
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		13

Spring		
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		12

Second Year

Fall		
HLTH 104	Introduction to Public Health	3
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Public Health Supporting Coursework		3
Declare a Thematic Thread (Choose a Thematic Thread that contains PSYC 105/EXSC 250) ²		
Hours		13

Spring

HLTH 204	Public Health Education and Communication	3
BIOL 210	Medical Microbiology with Lab	3
BIOL 309	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Laboratory	4
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
Hours		13

Third Year

Fall		
HLTH 314	Nutrition and Health	3
HLTH 322	Public Health Research Methods and Data Management	3
HLTH 406	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
CHEM 107 & CHEM 111	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
Thematic Thread Requirement - 300+ Level (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ³		3
Hours		16

Spring

HLTH 310	Environmental Health	3
HLTH 313	Biostatistics	3
HLTH 324	Epidemiology	3
HLTH 411	Global Health	3
CHEM 108 & CHEM 112	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
Hours		16

Summer

HLTH 450	Internship	12
Hours		12

Fourth Year**Fall**

HLTH 209	Foundations of Disease in Public Health	3
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
Public Health Supporting Coursework		3
Hours		13

Winter**Potential On-line Winter Courses**

HLTH 411	Global Health	
Hours		0

Spring

HLTH 440	Public Health Seminar	3
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
EXER 250	Medical Terminology	3
Public Health Supporting Coursework		3
Thematic Thread Requirement - 300+ Level (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ³		3
Hours		16

Summer**Potential On-line Summer Courses**

HLTH 211	Women's Health Issues	
HLTH 411	Global Health	
Hours		0
Total Hours**		124

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.

³ If your Thematic Thread does not include one or both of these courses, then you will need to take 1 or 2 additional lower level Thematic Thread courses.

****This document serves as a guide. Earning a degree requires at least 120 credits, though some majors require more. Before registering for courses, consult your academic adviser and review your curriculum guide. Be sure to review and confirm your plan with your adviser at least once each academic year.**

Major Code: 6266

Concentration Code: SRU Traditional

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