

PUBLIC HEALTH, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) / PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (SRU) (3+2)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. 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)
- 2. 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)
- 3. 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)
- 4. 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

1st Major: Public Health

- Overall GPA: 2.00 or higher
- Major GPA (only includes Health courses): 2.00 or higher

2nd Major: Pre-PA SRU 3+2 Public Health

- Overall GPA: 3.00 or higher
- Overall GPA: 3.25 or higher (Fall 2018 and after)

SUMMARY*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	44
	Major Requirements	45
	Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements	0-4
	Additional Physician Assistant Prerequisite Courses	21
	Electives	6

* 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. However, because this is a pre-professional program, credits taken during the 1st year of the graduate program are applied toward the undergraduate credit hours to meet the 120 credits required for your undergraduate degree.

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

- If you choose to pursue Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 Public Health and are not accepted into the PA program, then additional coursework is required to complete a first major of Public Health. Please refer to Public Health Curriculum Guide.

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 450	Internship	3
Subtotal		42
Required Courses from other Departments		
BIOL 210	Medical Microbiology with Lab	3
Subtotal		3
Total Hours		45

* 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
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
BIOL 309	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Laboratory	4
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab	1
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
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 & 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
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:

- Conference attendance
- Service-Learning
- Internships
- Career Education
- Peer Education Opportunities

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

Prerequisite Admission Requirements – Pre- Physician Assistant 3+2

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 210 or BIOL 330	Medical Microbiology with Lab Microbiology/Lab	3

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
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>		3
BIOL 325	Biostatistics and Experimental Design with Lab	
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	
Total Hours		39

Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 Requirements

If any of these requirements are not met, the 3+2 designation will be removed from the student's record:

1. A 3.25 or higher overall GPA must be maintained by the student.
2. The student can only be enrolled in the Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 program for a maximum of three (3) years, full-time continuous enrollment (fall/spring).

Provision

Should a Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 student be unsuccessful in completing the 1st two semesters (summer or fall) of the Physician Assistant Program and wants to complete the original undergraduate degree, it is solely up to the discretion of the undergraduate program Department Chair to determine which, if any, Physician Assistant courses will count toward the completion of his/her undergraduate degree. In addition, students must complete any unfulfilled requirements of their undergraduate major. Students may still apply to the Physician Assistant Studies Program with an earned Bachelor's degree.

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 - BS (4010)/CIM 239

PRE-PA RSU 3+2 (4PPA)

This program is effective as of Summer 2026

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RECOMMENDED THREE-YEAR PLAN

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
HLTH 103	Health and Behavior Change	3
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
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		17
Spring		
BIOL 210	Medical Microbiology with Lab	3
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		15
Second Year		
Fall		
HLTH 104	Introduction to Public Health	3
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
CHEM 107 & CHEM 111	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
EXER 250	Medical Terminology	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	
Declare a Thematic Thread (Choose a Thematic Thread that contains PSYC 105/EXSC 250)		
Hours		17
Spring		
HLTH 204	Public Health Education and Communication	3
BIOL 309	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Laboratory	4
CHEM 108 & CHEM 112	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
Thematic Thread Requirement - 300+ Level (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		17
Third Year		
Fall		
HLTH 209	Foundations of Disease in Public Health	3

HLTH 322	Public Health Research Methods and Data Management	3
HLTH 314	Nutrition and Health	3
HLTH 406	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
Thematic Thread Requirement - 300+ Level (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ^{**}		3
Hours		18
Spring		
HLTH 310	Environmental Health	3
HLTH 313	Biostatistics	3
HLTH 324	Epidemiology	3
HLTH 411	Global Health	3
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
Hours		16
Fourth Year		
Fall		
If not admitted to SRU PA Program		
Public Health Supporting Coursework - select three		9
Hours		9
Winter		
Potential Online Winter Course		
HLTH 411	Global Health	
Hours		0
Spring		
If not admitted to SRU PA Program		
HLTH 440	Public Health Seminar	3
HLTH 450	Internship (or summer after senior year)	12
Hours		15
Summer		
Potential Online Summer Course		
HLTH 411	Global Health	
Hours		0
Total Hours**		124

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. Choose a Thematic Thread that contains PSYC 105 & Medical Terminology if you declare a Thread in Fall 2022 or later.

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

**You will already have if you declare a Thematic Thread Fall 2022 or later that includes PSYC 105 and Medical Technology.

***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.*