

## Guideline for Majors at Nearby 4 Year Institutions

<b>Major: <i>PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT</i></b>
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Riverside Community College  
Counseling Department  
2009-2010

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**NOTE: This Articulation Agreement is subject to periodic revision. Please consult the ASSIST website, [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org), for up-to-date information.**

College or University	Transfer Requirements	Units	RCC Equivalents	Units	Remarks
<b>USC</b> 2009-2010	<u>Master's degree only:</u>				
	Anatomy & Physiol.	4,4	AMY 2A, 2B	4,4	
	Chemistry	4,4	CHE 1A or 1AH CHE 1B or 1BH	5,5	
	Microbiology	4	MIC 1	4	
	General Biology	4,4	BIO 11,12	5,5	
	Statistics	4	MAT 12	3	
	For. Lang. (SPA)	4	SPA 1	5	
	Gen. Psychology	4	PSY 1	3	
College Comp.	4,4	ENG 1A or 1AH + 1B or 1BH	4,4		
<b>WESTERN UNIV. of HEALTH SCI.</b> 2009-2010	<u>Master's degree only:</u>				
	English	3,3	ENG 1A or 1AH & ENG 1B or 1BH & ENG 11	4,4,3	Spanish strongly recommended
	College Algebra	3	MAT 5,10 or 11	4	
	Anat./Physiology	3,3	AMY 2A, 2B	4,4	
	Microbiology	4	MIC 1	4	
	Gen. Chemistry	4	CHE 1A or 1AH & CHE 1B or 1BH	5,5	
	Gen. Psychology	3	PSY 1	3	
	Gen. Sociology	3	SOC 1	3	
	Stat	3	MAT 12	3	
	Humanities	9	HUM	9	
Genetics	3	BIO 34	3		

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LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY 2009-2010	<u>Master's degree only:</u>				
	CHEM	5,5	CHE 2A,2B or 1A,1B	4,4	MAT 12 strongly recommended
	MATH	4	MAT 11	4	
	ENG COMP	4,4	ENG 1A or 1AH & ENG 1B or 1BH	4,4	
	ANAT/PHY	4,4	AMY 2A,2B	4,4	
	MICRO4	4	MIC 1	4	
	SOC or ANTH	4	SOC 1 or ANT 2	3	
PSY	4	PSY 1	3		

### ***THE MAJOR:***

The physician assistant (PA) is a health care professional qualified by academic and clinical education and by formal certification to practice medicine with the supervision of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.

The functions of the PA include performing diagnostic, therapeutic, preventive and health maintenance services in any setting in which the physician renders care. Physician assistants are accountable for their own actions, as well as being accountable to their supervising physician.

At a minimum, PA's are educated in those areas of basic medical science and clinical disciplines which prepare them to function as generalists. Exposure to family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, surgery, psychiatry, pharmaco-therapeutics, health maintenance, and ambulatory, emergency and long term care, provides the basis of educational preparation necessary for a physician assistant.

Services performed by PA's include but are not limited to the following:

- eliciting detailed and accurate patient histories;
- performing physical examinations and making diagnoses;
- recording and presenting pertinent clinical data;
- transmitting prescriptions;
- ordering and performing therapeutic procedures;
- recognizing and evaluating emergency situations, and instituting life-saving procedures when the physician is not at the scene;
- instructing and counseling patients regarding their physical and mental health;
- assisting the physician in the hospital and extended care facilities by arranging admissions, making rounds, ordering diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, recording progress notes, and acting as surgical assistant;
- referring patients to health care facilities, agencies and resources in the community.