Minimum Requirements for Admission

1. Submit both CASPA and NAU applications by the September 1 deadline (CASPA verified no later than December 1)
2. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
3. A minimum of an earned bachelor’s or higher degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution OR equivalent*
4. Overall and science course GPA of 3.0 or higher (CASPA calculation)
5. Complete prerequisite courses from a U.S. regionally accredited institution
6. Minimum of 9 credits of science courses completed in the last 5 years
7. A minimum of 500 hours of health care experience is required. Both volunteer and paid experiences are acceptable.
8. Submission of GRE scores at the time of application. A composite score of 284 or higher (verbal & quant) is most competitive (CASPA submission only)
9. Three letters of reference/recommendation. (CASPA submission only)

*If the degree was earned outside the U.S., applicants must:

1. Submit official transcripts in the language of instruction and an official English translation evaluated by either WES or ECE to the NAU Graduate College and to CASPA no later than September 1. WES or ECE evaluation fees are the responsibility of the applicant.
2. Complete prerequisite courses from a U.S. regionally accredited institution.
3. Demonstrate English proficiency by submitting TOEFL scores with a minimum score of 100 on the iBT (internet-based testing) and a minimum of 26 on the speaking component.

Preference Factors

The university publishes a non-discriminatory policy in compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and with Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972 and consistent with federal and state statutes, rules and regulations. Additionally, in accordance with the PA program mission and goals, the program will give preference to applicants who indicate a high potential for remaining in the state of Arizona to work following graduation as well as individuals from targeted populations defined by our HRSA Primary Care Training Grant. This includes individuals who are first generation college students, economically disadvantaged, educationally disadvantaged, underrepresented populations, military veterans, and those from rural backgrounds.

All prerequisite courses, completion of minimum requirements, and submission of official transcripts must occur on or before the September 1 application deadline. A minimum of a Bachelor’s degree must be completed and/or conferred prior to matriculation. The program does not waive any prerequisite requirements.

Inquiries

Questions regarding the minimum requirements for admission should be sent to PAprog@nau.edu. Any questions regarding prerequisite coursework and equivalency sent to the program will not be answered without first completing our Prerequisite Inquiry Form (http://bit.ly/NAUPA-PIO). Please review all prerequisite equivalency lists available on our website (Arizona schools only) and the FAQs on our website before submitting your inquiry.