

## Minimum Requirements for Admission

1. Submit both CASPA and NAU applications by the September 1 deadline. CASPA must complete the verification of the application no later than October 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 nine (9) credits of science courses completed in the last five (5) years
7. A minimum of 500 hours of health care experience is required. Both volunteer and paid experiences are acceptable.
8. Three letters of reference/recommendation. (CASPA submission only)

\* For degrees earned outside of 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; and
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. Preferred applicants include 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 or conferred prior to matriculation. The program does not waive any prerequisite requirements.**

## Inquiries

Send questions regarding the minimum requirements for admission to [PAprog@nau.edu](mailto:PAprog@nau.edu). Questions regarding prerequisite coursework and equivalency forwarded to the program will not be answered without first completing our **Prerequisite Inquiry Form** (<https://bit.ly/naupa-inquiry>). Please review all prerequisite equivalency lists available on our website (Arizona schools only) and the FAQs on our website before submitting your inquiry.