The PPA program is designed specifically for those looking to enhance their academic credentials to gain a competitive edge for admission into Physician Assistant programs. Students also have the opportunity to complete a master’s degree during the glide year when applying to PA programs.

About the Program

The PPA program is highly customizable to meet the needs of each student. KGI’s curriculum consists of graduate-level courses within the applied life sciences, which includes courses in science and business. There are additional upper-level undergraduate courses offered over the summer that are often required or highly recommended by many PA programs. Options include: human anatomy with lab, human physiology with lab, microbiology with lab, and biochemistry. Students are able to take the coursework they need along with the clinical and volunteer hours necessary to become competitive for admission to PA programs.
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If you are interested in this option, apply for the MS program and select “Yes” when asked whether you want to apply for the pre-health track.

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