



## PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Imagine being a member of a coalition of researchers, educators, and practitioners from many professions who work together to improve human health. We transform students into highly skilled health care practitioners who advance the health and well-being of society. Through research, we discover, evaluate, and implement new knowledge to improve models and methods of practice in pharmacy and health sciences from the urban to global levels. Arrive at your health career destination by accepting our invitation to explore the programs of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

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### WHAT DOES A PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT DO?

A Pathologists' Assistant (PA) is a highly trained professional who helps surgical pathologists in preparation, gross description and dissection of human tissue and surgical specimens. The PA will also assist to prepare and perform postmortem examinations and coordinate autopsy activities, including photography, specimen coding and report filing. They properly restore bodies for release to the funeral director and confirm legal authorization for special sampling, such as tissue donation and organ transplantation, and perform administrative duties.

The following organization can provide further information about a career as a Pathologists' Assistant:

- American Association of Pathologists' Assistants (AAPA) 800-532-AAPA  
[www.pathassist.org](http://www.pathassist.org)

### WHY BECOME A PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT?

*"The Pathologists' Assistant Program at Wayne State has provided me with a fantastic foundation for what I'm doing—the curriculum gave me everything I needed to get me where I am today."*

- TRINA SHERLITZ  
Pathologists' Assistant

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### WHY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY?

Wayne State University is one of America's premier urban research universities, with more than 33,000 graduate and undergraduate students. The University provides a multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and collaborates closely with government, industry and other institutions on a range of programs.

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) is located on the single largest academic medical campus in the United States and puts you in close proximity to the nation's leading health care educators. A degree from the College puts you in good company, with more than 12,000 EACPHS-educated health care professionals working in Michigan.

In the Wayne State Pathologist's Assistant program, clinical training is offered in cooperation with the Detroit Medical Center hospitals and the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. Recent graduates have achieved an excellent pass rate on the national examination and are employed in leading medical centers across the nation. The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) and is one of just eight accredited programs in the United States.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

The application deadline is **May 15** of each year. The applicant must successfully complete the admission requirements, including application for admission to WSU and the professional program application. Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee an interview or admission into the program.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 2.50 overall GPA, as well as a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA in prerequisite coursework.
- All grades in prerequisite requirements must be a minimum of "C" or better (2.0 on a 4.0 grade scale).
- All prerequisite and University General Education coursework must be completed by the beginning of the professional program. All science coursework must be completed by May of the year of application.
- Applicants must attend at least one monthly information meeting within one year of program application.

## SCIENCE AND MATH PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

BIO 1500 - Basic Life Diversity  
BIO 1510 - Basic Life Mechanisms  
BIO 2200 - Introductory Microbiology  
BIO 2600 - Cell Biology  
BIO 2870 - Anatomy & Physiology  
BIO 3070 - Genetics  
CHM 1020 - Survey of General Chemistry  
CHM 1030 - Survey of Organic/Biochemistry  
MAT 1800 - Elementary Functions

**Science requirements must have been taken within the past six years.**

## NON-SCIENCE PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

ENG 1020 - Introductory College Writing (BC)  
ENG 3050 - Report Writing (IC)  
PHI 2320 - Introduction to Ethics (PL)

**Students who hold a previous bachelor's degree or who qualify under the university's general education transfer policy (see [www.transfercredit.wayne.edu](http://www.transfercredit.wayne.edu)) are exempt from completing the requirements listed below.**

## UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Historical Studies (HS)  
Visual & Performing Arts (VP)  
Social Science (SS)  
Foreign Culture (FC)  
COM 1010 - Oral Communications (OC)  
Computer Literacy Competency (CL)\*  
Critical Thinking Competency (CT)\*  
American Society & Institutions (AI)

\* Designate degree requirements that may be satisfied by coursework or examination. See [www.testing.wayne.edu](http://www.testing.wayne.edu) for further information.

## THE PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY:

NAACLS (National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences):  
5600 N. River Road, Suite 720  
Rosemont, IL 60018-5119  
847-939-3597  
[www.naacls.org](http://www.naacls.org)



**TRINA SHERLITZ** graduated from the Wayne State Pathologists' Assistant program in 2004 - and quickly landed a teaching job in the Pathologists' Assistant Department at Rosalind Franklin University near Chicago. Her Wayne State background has also enabled her to work as a pathologists' assistant at nearby Lake Forest Hospital, which lets her bring practical, hands-on experience to her teaching. "I find myself quite blessed to have found this career," she says. "Every day I wake up in the morning and look forward to work. I get paid to do what I love to do."

## GENERAL DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

### PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE - May 15

For a checklist of application requirements:  
<http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/program/apa-bs-apply.php>

### UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION DUE - May 15

WSU Undergraduate Application:  
[www.admissions.wayne.edu](http://www.admissions.wayne.edu)

Office of Admissions  
Welcome Center  
42 W. Warren  
Detroit, MI 48202  
[www.wayne.edu](http://www.wayne.edu)  
877-WSU-INFO or 313-577-3577

Financial Aid deadline - January 30  
313-577-3378  
[www.financialaid.wayne.edu](http://www.financialaid.wayne.edu)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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**ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE** - Held in October of each year.