



BIO-PATHOLOGIST'S ASSISTANT

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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CATALOG	

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GENERAL EDUCATION: 30-38 HRS

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
ENG 1001G Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G Composition & Literature	3		
CMN 1310G Intro to Speech	3		

Grade of "C" or better is required

SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7HRS

Completed in major.

MATHEMATICS: 3-5 HRS

Completed in major.

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
Humanities	3		
Fine Arts	3		
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SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES*: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PHI 2500 Intro to Ethics	3		
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* One course must meet Cultural Diversity requirement.

SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

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Seminar topic must be outside the major area. See Undergraduate Catalog for Senior Seminars that exclude Biological Sciences majors.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

EXEMPT? YES NO

Exempt if 2yrs in high school of a single foreign language with average grade of "C" or better.

SCIENCE CORE: 51-53 HRS

Biology Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
BIO 1150 Biology Forum	1		
BIO 1500 General Biology I	4		
BIO 1550G* General Biology II	4		
BIO 3120* Molecular & Cell Biology	4		
BIO 3200* Genetics	4		
BIO 2220* Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
BIO 3180* Ecology and Evolution	4		
Physics Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
PHY 1151G* Principles Physics I	3		
PHY 1152G* Principles Physics I Lab	1		
PHY 1161G* Principles Physics II	3		
PHY 1162G* Principles Physics II Lab	1		

Math Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
MAT 2110G Brief Calculus	3		
MAT 2250G* Elementary Statistics	4		
Chemistry Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
CHM 1310G General Chemistry I	3		
CHM 1315G General Chemistry I Lab	1		
CHM 1410* General Chemistry II	3		
CHM 1415* General Chemistry II Lab	1		
CHM 2430* Survey Organic Chemistry	3		
CHM 2435* Survey Organic Chemistry Lab	1		

*Additional prerequisite classes may be required. See Undergraduate Catalog

*BIO 2210 (Anatomy and Physiology I) prerequisite. BIO 2210 counts as BIO elective credit.

MAJOR ELECTIVES: 21 HRS

21 hours of course work in Biological Sciences (with the exception of BIO 3400, workshops, and courses designed for General Education) or Mathematics or Physical Sciences courses above 2000 (with the exception of general education and CHM 2310). A minimum of 15 hrs must be taken in Biological Sciences.

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
BIO 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I	4		
BIO 3210 Immunology	4		
BIO 3300 General Microbiology	4		
BIO 3624 Histology	3		

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| <p>BIO 2210 (4) Anatomy and Physiology I
 BIO 3210 (4) Immunology
 BIO 3300 (4) General Microbiology
 BIO 3312 (3) Horticulture
 BIO 3322 (3) Dendrology
 BIO 3450 (1-3) Independent Study
 BIO 3451 (1-3) Undergraduate Research
 BIO 3610 (3) Survey of Algae & Fungi
 BIO 3612 (3) Plant Evolution & Diversity
 BIO 3620 (4) Funct. Comp. Anatomy
 BIO 3622 (4) Embryology
 BIO 3624 (3) Histology
 BIO 3628 (4) Evolutionary Medicine
 BIO 3690 (4) Clinical Rotation
 BIO 3700 (4) Parasitology
 BIO 3710 (3) Plant-Animal Interactions
 BIO 3720 (4) Entomology
 BIO 3740 (3) Clinical Mycology
 BIO 3810 (3) Freshwater Ecology
 BIO 3850 (3) Environmental Biology
 BIO 3888G (3) Tropical/Marine Ecology</p> | <p>BIO 3950 (3) Vertebrate Natural History
 BIO 3952 (3) Invertebrate Natural History
 BIO 3960 (1-4) Special Topics
 BIO 4400 (1) Teaching in the Lab
 BIO 4751 (3) Adv. Molec. & Cell Biol.
 BIO 4800 (2) Research Techniques
 BIO 4810 (4) Plant Ecology
 BIO 4812 (3) Fisheries Ecology & Mgmt
 BIO 4814 (3) Conservation Biology
 BIO 4816 (3) Biotic Communities
 BIO 4818 (4) Environmental Microbiology
 BIO 4820 (4) Spatial Analysis for Environmental Sciences
 BIO 4830 (3) Comp. Vertebrate Physiology
 BIO 4832 (4) Animal Behavior
 BIO 4833 (4) Neurobiology of Diseases
 BIO 4834 (3) Neurobiology
 BIO 4835 (3) Advanced Neurobiology
 BIO 4836 (4) Pathogenic Microbiology</p> | <p>BIO 4892 (4) Intro. Paleobotany
 BIO 4914 (3) Plant Anatomy
 BIO 4920 (3) Medicinal Plants
 BIO 4940 (3) Phycology
 BIO 4942 (3) Mycology
 BIO 4944 (3) Lichens
 BIO 4946 (3) Bryology
 BIO 4948 (3) Plant Taxonomy
 BIO 4950 (3) Ichthyology
 BIO 4952 (3) Herpetology
 BIO 4954 (3) Ornithology
 BIO 4956 (3) Mammalogy
 BIO 4960 (3) Wetland & Aqua. Vasc. Plants
 BIO 4984 (3) Organic Evolution</p> |
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Courses numbered 5000-5499 inclusive, may be taken by a senior whose graduation requirements average 2.75 or higher, with the permission of the instructor and the Dean of the Graduate School.

BE PREPARED: UPDATE THIS FORM BEFORE MEETING WITH YOUR ADVISOR

Pathologists' assistants (PathAs) provide anatomic pathology services under the direction and supervision of a pathologist. These allied health professionals utilize a variety of manual and automated techniques to process, dissect, stain, etc. tissue samples from patients. Individuals assess the condition of patients for sample procurement, examination, diagnosis, and treatment. Job duties may include coordination of autopsy protocols perform postmortem examinations. They must pass a national certifying examination (American Society for Clinical Pathology, or ASCP) which is open only to graduates of accredited PathA programs.

The preferred PathA degree is at the Masters-level degree based on a curriculum involving both classroom instruction and clinical rotations, usually requiring 1 ½ to 2 years for degree completion. Therefore, most students entering a PathA program have already completed a baccalaureate degree, usually in the sciences. The average entrant has competitive scores on the GRE, and has a minimum grade point average of 3.00/4.00. Attributes such as demonstrated caring attitude toward others, communication skills, emotional stability under stress and problem solving ability are important selection factors.

There are currently 8 NAACLS accredited PathA programs in America. It is very important when you begin your program to identify which programs you plan to apply and plot out their requirements accordingly.

RESOURCES:

American Association of Pathologists' Assistants

www.pathassist.org

Indiana University *pathology.medicine.iu.edu/about-pathology/*

University of Maryland

medschool.umaryland.edu/pathology/pa/app_pre.asp

Wayne State University *cphs.wayne.edu/program/apa-bs.php*

Rosalind Franklin University *www.rosalindfranklin.edu/Default.aspx*

Duke University

pathology.duke.edu/academic-programs/pathologists-assistant-program

Drexel University *catalog.drexel.edu/*

West Virginia University *medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/pa/*

Quinnipiac University *www.quinnipiac.edu/*