

## Considering a Career as a Physician or Physician Assistant?

Once you've attained your High School Diploma or GED, you can pursue:

### Physician:

- Baccalaureate (College) Degree (3-4 years)
  - During degree program take prerequisite courses in biology, chemistry, physics, English, and others
  - Take MCAT entrance exam prior to applying to medical school
- Medical School Degree (4 years)
  - Two years of classroom and laboratory instruction
    - Take and pass Step 1 exam of U.S. Medical License Exam
  - Two years of clinical rotations
    - Take and pass Step 2 exam of U.S. Medical License Exam
- Residency Training Program (3-7 years)
  - Length depends on specialty
    - Take and pass Step 3 exam of U.S. Medical License Exam
- Subspecialty Fellowship (1-3 years)
  - Length depends on subspecialty

### Physician Assistant:

- Baccalaureate (College) Degree (3-4 years)
  - During degree program take prerequisite courses in biology, chemistry, statistics, psychology, English, and others
  - Take GRE exam prior to applying (some schools now don't require it)
- Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies (3 years)
  - Classroom instruction and clinical rotations
- Take and pass Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE)