

USC MS PND Prerequisite GPA Calculation Form

You must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all completed prerequisite courses. You can calculate your GPA by using the following form. Below are the instructions. You will submit this form with your application materials. You will need your transcripts from the previous schools from which you earned credit in the required prerequisites.

USC MS/PND Prerequisite Courses (credit hours):

- Human Nutrition (3)
- Food Science (3)
- Biology (3)
- Chemistry (3)
- Microbiology (3)
- Organic Chemistry (3)
- Biochemistry (3)
- Physiology (3)
- Exercise Physiology (3)
- Psychology or Sociology (3)
- Introductory Statistics (3)

Please keep in mind that you may present evidence of plans to complete up to 3 of these prerequisite courses prior to the first day of classes in the MS/PND program when petitioning directly to the program director. Do not include the courses that you have yet to earn a final grade within the GPA calculations.

Calculate your prerequisite GPA using the following GPA Calculation Table.

1. Refer to the prepopulated course titles.
 - a. Provide the course number and title that visible in your transcript underneath the bolded course prerequisite title.
 - b. You may adjust the course title and credit value as appropriate.
 - i. For example, the Human Nutrition prerequisite course may be fulfilled by *NUTR 101 Introduction to Nutrition*.
 - c. You may provide additional courses if you completed a series of courses.
 - i. For example, you would enter Chemistry I and Chemistry II if you completed a two-semester series of basic chemistry.
2. Identify the Institution (i.e., college or university) in which each course was completed.
 - a. You may use the common acronym (e.g., USC for University of South Carolina)
3. Identify the Semester and Year for each course in the “Semester/Year” column.
4. Include the number of credits each course was worth in the “Credit Hours” column.

- a. Refer to the minimum credit level for each prerequisite in the list above.
- 5. Enter the letter grade you earned in course in the “Grade Earned” column.
- 6. Refer to the ‘Grade Point Values’ Table below to determine the value to be entered in the “Grade Point Value” column.
 - a. For example, if you earned a “B” in *STAT 251 Basic Statistics*, you would enter 3.0 into the “Grade Point Value” column.
- 7. Calculate the grade points for each course in the “Total Grade Points” column.
 - a. Multiply the number of credits in the “Credit Hours” column by the grade point value in the “Grade Point Value” column.
 - i. For example, *STAT 251 Basic Statistics* is a 3-credit course. Earning a “B” in this course would provide a 3.0 grade point value. So, 3 credits x 3.0 grade point value = 9.0 total grade points.
 - ii. Check your math.

Course # & Title	Institution	Semester/ Year	Credit Hours	Grade Earned	Grade Point Value*	Total Grade Points (Credit Hours x Grade Point Value)
<i>Example: EXP 101 Example Entry</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>Fall/20</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>(3 x 3.0) = 9</i>
Human Nutrition						
Food Science						
Biology						
Chemistry						
Microbiology						
Organic Chemistry						

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Biochemistry						
Physiology						
Exercise Physiology						
Psychology or Sociology						
Statistics						
*Medical Terminology						
*Course # & Title:						
*Course # & Title:						
*Course # & Title:						
Total (at time of application)						

*Medical Terminology is a preferred prerequisite and may be completed within the MS/PND program. Please do not include in calculations if not completed in educational history.

Grade Point Values

Letter Grade	Description	Grade Point Value
A+	Excellent	4.0
A	Excellent	4.0
A-	Excellent	3.7
B+	Better than Average	3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+	Average	2.3
C		2.0
C-		2.0
D+	Below Average	1.0
D		1.0
D-		1.0
F	Failing	0

To calculate your GPA:

Divide the total grade points for all prerequisite courses by the total number of credits earned in those courses. Use the calculation below.

Submit this form with your application materials.

$$\text{Grade Point Average (GPA)} = \text{Total Grade Points} \div \text{Total Credit Hours}$$

Prerequisite GPA: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____