

Physician Assistant Program Application Guide

This guide is intended to help students plan for the PA program application process. Specific requirements and timelines vary by program.

Preparing to Apply

- Research PA programs
 - Prerequisite coursework
 - Patient care experience requirements
 - Observation/shadowing requirements
 - Admissions exam requirements, if applicable
- Gain experience
 - Patient care
 - Observation/shadowing
- Complete required prerequisite coursework
- Request letters of recommendation
- Begin gathering application materials

Submit Applications

- Submit the CASPA application
- Complete program-specific supplemental applications
- Submit additional requested materials (program-dependent)
- Monitor application portals and email for updates

Interviews

- Monitor email for interview invitations
- Prepare for and attend interviews
 - Some programs may have additional interview activities

Admissions Decisions

- Monitor application portals and email for admissions decisions
- Complete required next steps for accepted programs

Important: PA programs have different prerequisite, experience, and application requirements. Review individual program requirements and deadlines carefully. Many PA programs have rolling admissions, so applying early is recommended.