

The PA Platform Application Timeline

Checklist Prior to Applying:

- Make a list of programs you're interested in (Shoot for 10-12)
- Determine required prerequisites and complete them with the highest possible grades
- Plan to obtain patient care experience
 - Enroll in certification program if needed - [Find a program near you](#)
- Find shadowing hours (100+ hours over 3 specialties/settings)
- Dedicate time to volunteering in your community with underserved populations
- 6-12 months before applying- Take the GRE
 - [GRE Study Plan](#)
- Join [The Pre-PA Club Facebook group](#)

Timeline (Based on planned year of application):

Anticipated Application Cycle: _____

- January - Start working on personal statement
 - Download [Personal Statement Worksheets](#)
 - Join [AAPA](#) to show dedication to the PA profession
- February - Let your letter of recommendation writers know that you will need their references in April so they can start preparing them. Make sure you have their updated contact information.
- March - Organize your information to enter into CASPA, including hours and experience details.
 - Download [Experience Charts](#)
 - Order Official Transcripts from all universities
- Mid-April - [CASPA](#) opens!
- May-June - Submit application if ready. Wait until all necessary coursework is complete and on your transcript before submitting to ensure it is included in GPA calculations.
- June-March - Various application deadlines
 - Interviews

GOALS

- Get accepted
- Go to PA school
- Pass the PANCE
- Become a PA!