A minimum of 300 hours of clearly documented volunteer/paid direct hands-on patient contact accrued by the time of application and recorded as part of the official CAS PA is required. The following constitutes patient contact:

Athletic Trainer (certified or student)
Cardiovascular Perfusionist
Medical Corpsman
Dental Hygienist
Dietitian
Emergency room technician
Emergency room scribe
EMT/Paramedic
Home healthcare aid
Laboratory technician – phlebotomist
Medical assistant
Medical research with patient contact
Midwife
Nurse
Orderly – patient transport
Orthopedics technician
Physical Therapist
Physical therapy assistant
Ultrasound technician
X-Ray technician
Respiratory Therapist
Surgical technician/OR technician

Administrative work performed in a healthcare setting, while not satisfying the suggested 300 hours of direct patient contact, should be recorded under the “related healthcare experience” section of the CASPA application. This would include positions such as medical receptionist, unit clerk, etc.

Please note, this is not an all-inclusive list. If you have questions concerning a role or position not listed above, please contact the Office of Admissions at Salus University at 800-824-6262 (option 1) or 215-780-1301.