

**Physician Assistant Program**

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A minimum of 300 hours of clearly documented volunteer/paid direct hands-on patient contact must be accrued by the time of application and recorded as part of the official CASPA application. Acceptable healthcare related experiences include:

- Clinical medical research with patient contact
- Dental hygienist
- Registered Dietician
- Clinical Nutritionist
- Emergency medical technician (EMT)
- Paramedic
- Emergency room scribe
- Military Medic/Corpsman
- Patient Care Technician
- Radiological/X-ray Technician
- Radiological Technologist
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Medical assistant
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Medical Technologist
- Phlebotomist
- Athletic Trainer
- Nurse/nurse midwife
- Patient transport/Healthcare Assistant
- Certified Physical/Occupational Therapist
- PT/OT/Orthopedic Assistant
- Home health aide with verification of job duties
- Hospital volunteer with direct patient contact
- Medical Sonographer
- Respiratory therapist
- Surgical/OR technician

Clerical duties, pharmacology assistant, veterinarian work, work as a dental assistant are generally not considered to be experiences fulfilling this prerequisite. 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, pharmacy technician, etc.

Applicants with 2 or more years of experience in the following healthcare professions are given special consideration in the admissions review process:

- Dental hygienist
- Registered Dietician
- Clinical Nutritionist
- Paramedic
- Military Medic/Corpsman
- Radiological Technologist
- Athletic Trainer
- Nurse/nurse midwife
- Certified Physical/Occupational Therapist
- PT/OT/Orthopedic Assistant
- Medical Sonographer
- Respiratory therapist

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.