



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:

- Shadowing of PA, NP, MD/DO
- Clinical medical research with patient contact
- Dental hygienist
- Dietician
- Emergency medical technician (EMT)/Paramedic
- Emergency room scribe
- Military Medic/Corpsman
- Surgical Technician
- Radiological Technician
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Medical assistant
- Laboratory Technician
- Phlebotomist
- Athletic Trainer (certified or student)
- Nurse/nurse midwife
- Orderly-patient transport
- Certified Physical/Occupational Therapist
- PT/OT/Orthopedic Assistant
- Home health aide with verification of job duties
- Hospital volunteer
- Ultrasound technician
- X-ray technician
- 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.

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.