

Before you submit

CASPA's 2026-27 cycle opened April 30, 2026. Each program sets its own deadline, and many review on a rolling basis, so aim to submit well before the date on the program's page. Confirm fees and dates with CASPA and each program before you pay.

Pick your programs

- ☐ Note each program's deadline and whether it's rolling
- ☐ Check prerequisites against your transcript
- ☐ Check minimum hours, GPA and any test (GRE, PA-CAT)
- ☐ Note any supplemental application or fee
- ☐ Budget CASPA: \$185 first program + \$65 each extra

Transcripts and coursework

- ☐ Order official transcripts from every college attended
- ☐ Include schools whose credits transferred
- ☐ Enter your US coursework exactly as the transcript shows
- ☐ Order official test scores to CASPA

Experiences and hours

- ☐ Sort each role: patient care, healthcare or other
- ☐ Average weekly hours you actually worked, not planned
- ☐ Don't count the same hours in two categories
- ☐ Supervisor name and contact for every entry
- ☐ Shadowing logged, ideally with a PA

Evaluations

- ☐ Request at least 2 (CASPA takes up to 5)
- ☐ Match what each program asks for, e.g. a PA
- ☐ Decide on the right-to-view waiver (it can't be changed)



Submit and follow through

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Personal statement

- ☐ Answer why you want to be a PA, specifically
- ☐ Under 5,000 characters, spaces included
- ☐ Have one person read it for clarity
- ☐ Proofread: it can't be edited after you submit

Submit (6-8 weeks before deadlines)

- ☐ Fee waiver? Request it BEFORE you submit
- ☐ Add every program before you hit submit
- ☐ Pay CASPA and any program fees
- ☐ Save a PDF of the whole application

Track verification

- ☐ Watch your status until it says Verified
- ☐ Verification can take up to 10 business days
- ☐ Chase missing transcripts or evaluations fast
- ☐ Fix an Undelivered application the same day

After that

- ☐ Send each program's supplemental, if it has one
- ☐ Log new hours to mention in interviews
- ☐ Reread your application before each interview
- ☐ Track every program's status in one place

