

PLANNING YOUR TIMELINE FOR APPLYING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCHOOLS*

October 2025	Attend Preprofessional Advising Personal Statement Town Hall.
November 14, 2025	Optional Early Portfolio of Accomplishments and Reflections (PAR) deadline (5:00pm ET) in order to qualify for an early comprehensive advising appointment (CAA), and the interview preparation series.
December 2025-January 2026	Early CAAs for eligible individuals who submit the PAR by the early deadline.
January 7, 2026	The PAR is due by 5:00pm ET in order to qualify for a CAA and the interview preparation series.
January 30, 2026	The PAR is due by 5:00pm ET in order to qualify for the interview preparation series. <i>Note: this is the deadline for individuals no longer eligible for a CAA.</i>
February-April 2026	CAAs/ appointments for eligible applicants.
March 2026	Attend Preprofessional Advising online School List Town Hall.
April/May 2026	Graduate Record Exam (GRE) administration. Latest recommended exam dates for 2027 applicants. Go to http://www.ets.org/gre for registration information and information about the GRE Fee Reduction Program. Physician Assistant College Admission Test (PA-CAT) may be required for some Physician Assistant programs. Check individual school requirements. To learn more about the PA-CAT, and to register for the exam, go to https://www.pacat.com/ .
April 2026 – Summer 2026	CASPA application opens online (https://caspa.liaisoncas.com). Most PA programs will have application deadlines beginning in the fall. Check school specific application deadlines.
May 2026	Attend Preprofessional Advising online Application Town Hall.
June-Summer 2026	Request official transcript(s) to be submitted to Central Application Service(s). Have letters of recommendation sent to CASPA by your recommenders. Check individual schools for specific criteria. Complete and submit Casper score(s) if required by any of your PA schools. Complete each school's supplemental application by their specific deadline. Interview preparation series for eligible applicants.
June/July 2026	Attend Preprofessional Advising online Interview Town Hall.
September 2026	Attend Preprofessional Advising Interview Panel.

*Timeline reflects fall entry. All timelines are subject to change as CASPA releases new information.