

The Impact of COVID-19 on PA Admissions

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Who is PAEA and How Are We Assisting Our Members

- The national organization representing Physician Assistant educational programs in the United States.
- Provide members with resources to develop new ways to adapt the admissions process and maintain its integrity
 - Professional Learning Communities
 - Webinars & Townhalls
 - Survey Data
- Creating awareness about implicit bias in admissions processes
 - Quiet space to study, test or interview.
 - Access to Technology
 - Stability of Internet



We've Gone Virtual. Now What?

- Outreach
 - How to make connections and create exposure with potential applicants
 - Virtual Fair, the new campus visit
- Application Review and Interviewer Process
 - Managing the integrity of an existing process while adapting to an online format
- Applicant Selection and Matriculation
 - Orientation
 - Creating a sense of belonging



Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA)

- COVID-19 Impact Essay
 - Please describe how COVID-19 has impacted your pathway to becoming a Physician Assistant. The questions below will help you get started, but do not limit your responses to only these considerations.
- Transcript Exception
 - In response to the closing of academic institutions and realizing, some applicants may not be able to obtain official transcripts, CASPA implemented an exception that allowed the upload of unofficial transcripts.

CASPA Welcome to CASPA Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select Create an Click here for COVID-19 updates Account to get started. and FAQs related to your application. Username The Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) Cycle Password 20 opens on April 30, 2020 and closes on April 15, 2021. Sign In CASPA is a service of the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA), the only national Create an Account organization representing physician assistant (PA) educational programs since 2001. CASPA simplifies the PA school Forgot your username or password application process by allowing you Reapplying to CASPA? to apply to multiple programs with only one application. Click here for a list of the 2020 -2021 participating programs. This is the beginning of your journey toward a fulfilling and respected career as a health care provider. The PA profession is one of the fastest growing health care careers nationwide and was ranked the second best health care job and



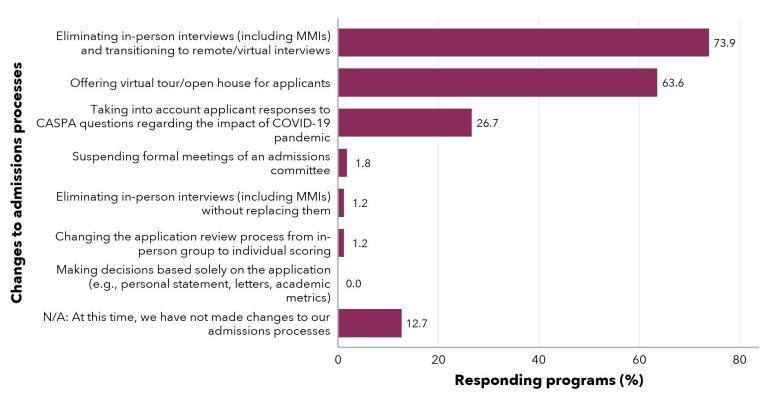
Survey Says

- Many programs have made adjustments to their prerequisite coursework requirements.
- Of the 65% of PA program respondents who required a standardized test for admission, many are cautiously relaxing these test requirements.



Changes to PA Admissions at the Program Level

FIGURE 7. CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS PROCESSES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Note: n = 165. Percentages may sum to more than 100% because programs could select multiple responses.



Questions



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