
University of Iowa Physician Assistant Program

The Admission Process Overview

IAMSE Fall 2020 Webinar Series

Session #2

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Today's Journey

- Review of the University of Iowa PA Program Mission
- Admission and Interview Criteria PRE-COVID
- Questions to Ponder
- Admission and Interview Criteria as a result of COVID
- Questions

PA Program: Mission Statement

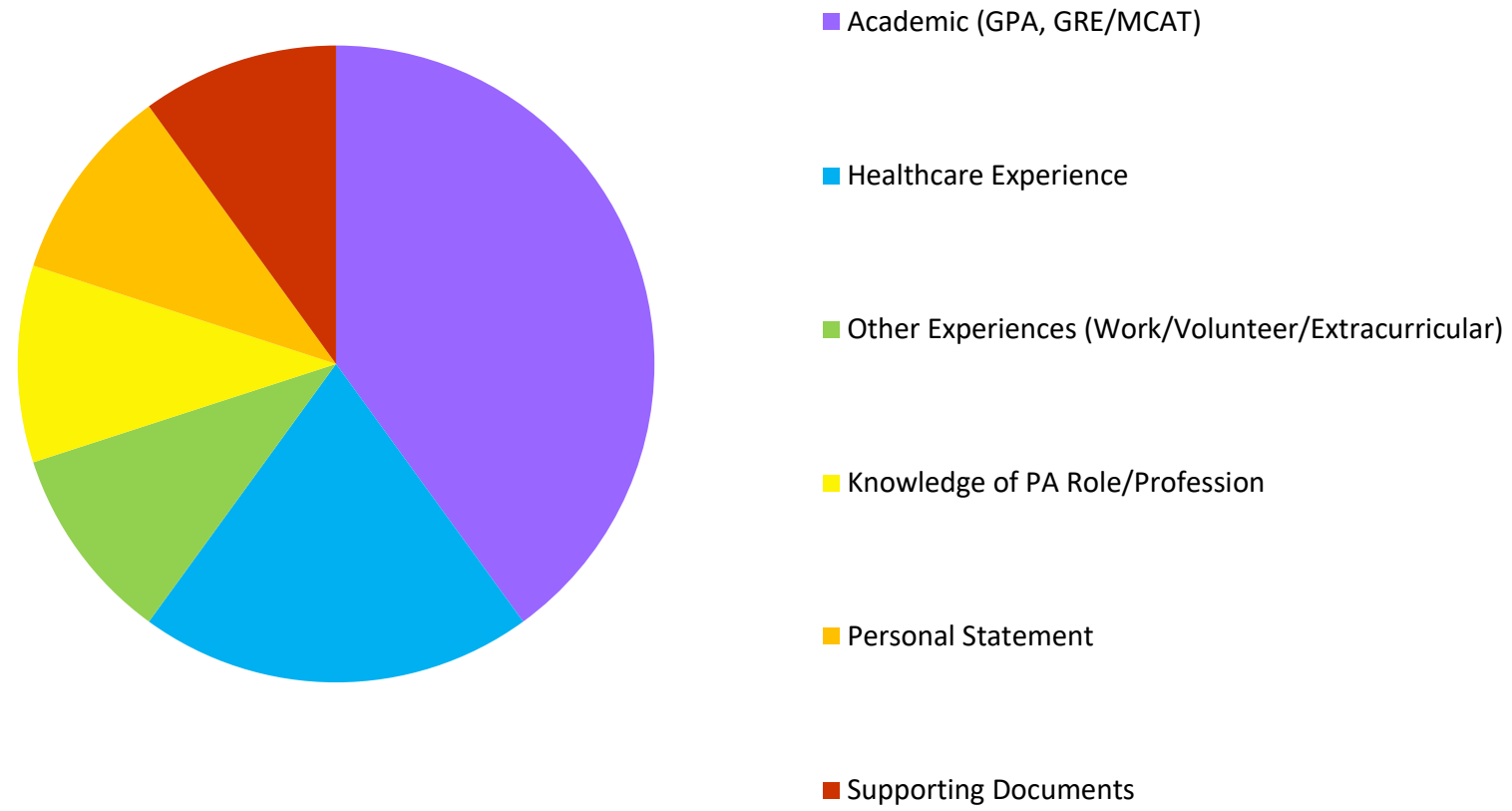
*To identify and recruit individuals of the **highest quality** from **diverse backgrounds** and life experiences and...*

*to **equip them** with the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide **high quality, compassionate medical care** to **diverse patient populations**.*

UI PA Program Admission Criteria (Pre-COVID)

- Completion of the CASPA Application
- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Bachelors Degree from an Accredited US Institution
 - Foreign Graduates
- GPA Requirement (Grade Req)
 - Minimum 3.0 Overall GPA
 - Science GPA
 - Minimum - 3.20 Overall
 - Minimum - 3.20 Last 40 hrs
- GRE Requirement (Score)
 - 25% on each subsection
 - No Super-score at this time
- Healthcare Hours Requirement
 - 1,000 by December 31st
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Minimum of Three
 - 1 – Academic Rec
 - 1- Healthcare Supervisor Rec

UI PA Program Interview Selection Criteria (Comprehensive Review)



Interview Activities

Day #1 – Friday

- Program Overview
- Financial Aid Presentation
- College of Medicine and UIHC Tour
- Student Panel
- Alumni Panel
- Dinner

Day #2 – Saturday

- Multi-Mini Interview Sessions
 - 3 groups of 10
 - 10 stations
 - 10 minutes per station
 - 2 minutes to prep
 - 8 minutes to complete

UI PA Program Admission Selection Criteria

Percentage



Questions to PONDER....

- Academic Issues
 - Do we change our GPA requirements?
 - Allow Pass/Fail
 - Online vs Face-to-Face
 - GRE Concerns (Testing and Score Reports)
 - Effects on getting Academic Recommendation
- Healthcare Hours Issues
 - Will students get the hours they need?
- Application Issues

Questions to PONDER....

- Interview Issues
 - Virtual World
 - How do we give them the best experience possible in the new virtual world
- Selection Issue
 - Does anything really need to change?
 - Ultimately, we decided no....
 - Goal is to live our Mission and we are confident that we can do so

UI PA Program Admission Criteria (COVID)

- CASPA Application
- US Citizen/Permanent Resident
- Bachelors Degree (Accredited US Institution)
 - Foreign Graduates
- **GPA Requirement (Pass/Fail)**
 - Minimum 3.0 Overall GPA
 - Science GPA
 - Minimum - 3.20 Overall
 - Minimum - 3.20 Last 40 hrs
- **GRE Requirement (Self-Reported)**
 - 25% on each subsection
 - No Super-score at this time
- **Healthcare Hours Requirement**
 - 500 by December 31st
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Minimum of Three
 - 1 – Academic Rec
 - 1- Healthcare Supervisor Rec

Interview Activities – Virtual World

Day #1 – Thursday

- Virtual Links (sent prior)
 - Financial Aid
 - Campus Tour
- Program Overview
- Student Panel
- Alumni Panel

Day #2 – Friday or Saturday

- Multi-Mini Interview Sessions
 - 4 groups of 6
 - 6 stations
 - 10 minutes per station
 - 2 minutes to prep
 - 8 minutes to complete

A Sunset in the State of Iowa 😊!

Questions?

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