



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.

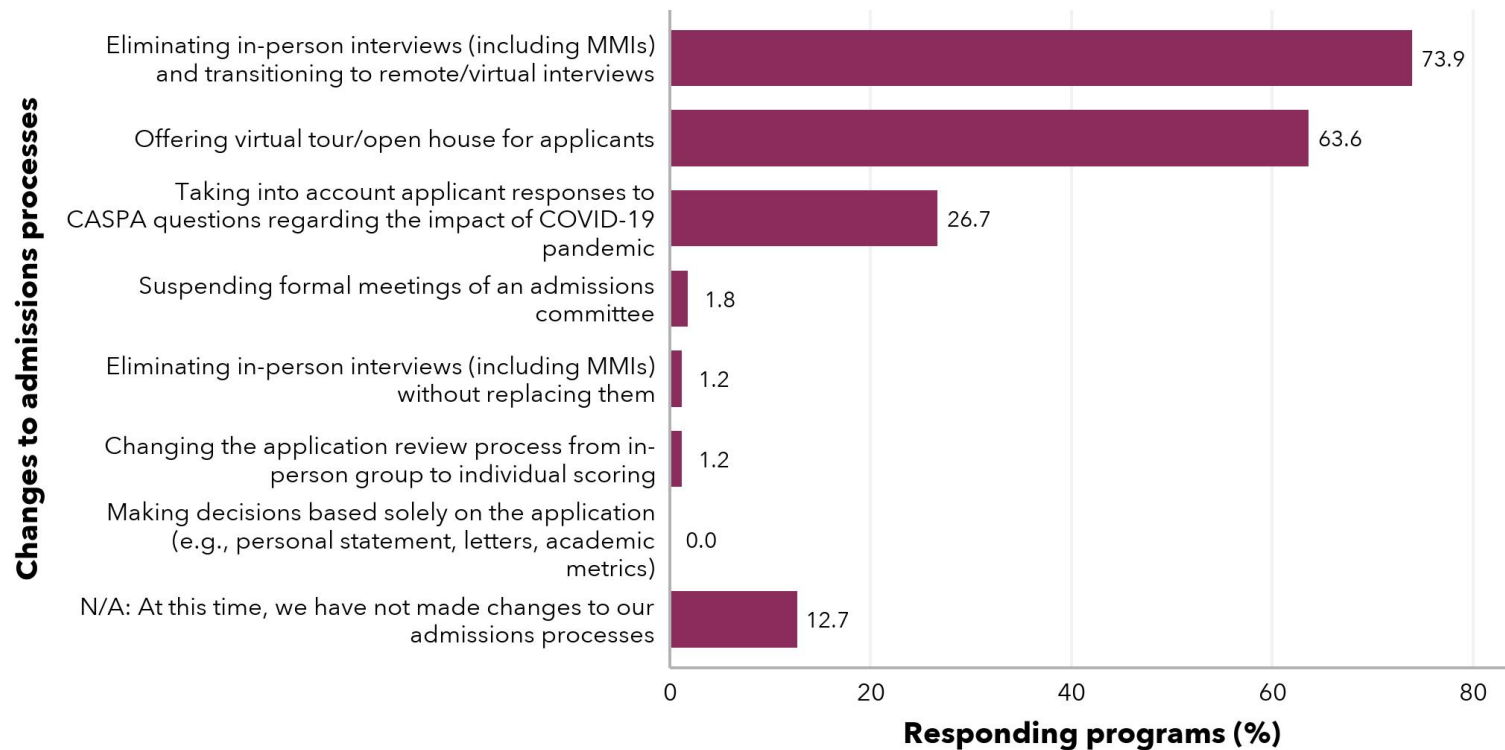


Survey Says

- 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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