

PLANNING YOUR TIMELINE FOR APPLYING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCHOOLS*

November 15, 2024	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 2024-January 2025	Early CAAs for eligible individuals who submit the PAR by the early deadline.
January 6, 2025	The PAR is due by 5:00pm ET in order to qualify for a CAA and the interview preparation series.
January 2025	Notice of qualification for a CAA, the interview prep series, and access to the 2026 Applicants for Health Profession Schools Blackboard site sent to your Boston University email address.
February-April 2025	CAAs for eligible applicants.
April/May 2025	<p>Graduate Record Exam (GRE) administration. Latest recommended exam dates for 2026 applicants. Go to http://www.ets.org/gre for registration information and information about the GRE Fee Reduction Program.</p> <p>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/.</p>
April 2025 – Summer 2025	CASPA application opens online (https://caspa.liaisoncas.com). Most PA programs will have application deadlines beginning in the fall. Check school specific application deadlines.
June-Summer 2025	<p>Request official transcript(s) to be submitted to Central Application Service(s).</p> <p>Have letters of recommendation sent to CASPA by your recommenders. Check individual schools for specific criteria.</p> <p>Complete and submit Casper score(s) if required by any of your PA schools.</p> <p>Complete each school's supplemental application by their specific deadline.</p> <p>Interview preparation series for eligible applicants.</p>
September 2025	Attend Preprofessional Advising Interview Meeting.

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