APPLICATION REVIEW, INTERVIEWS, AND SELECTION PROCESS

The PA Program Director of Admissions, Assessment, and Academic Success (DAAAS) will review all verified CASPA applications to ensure that the application is complete and that all admission requirements have been met.

The Assumption PA Program utilizes a rolling admissions process. There may be a competitive advantage to submitting an early application.

The DAAAS will randomly assign each qualified application to two Admissions Committee members for a further in-depth review, including:

- Academic Performance (overall undergraduate GPA, prerequisite undergraduate GPA)
- Personal Statement (understanding of the PA profession, reasons and motivation to become a PA, quality of writing, self-awareness)
- Supplemental Application (alignment with Assumption University PA Program Mission, Vision, and Goals, including community service and interpretation of diversity)
- Patient Care Experience (hours, setting, type of patient care, role and responsibilities)
- Letters of Recommendation (CASPA reference scores, direct patient care experience, leadership, volunteerism, ability to succeed as a PA student, future potential as a PA, professional characteristics)
- Curriculum Vitae (employment history [which may include but is not limited to direct patient care, other healthcare, and research], community service [including philanthropy, volunteerism], personal achievement [including awards, honors], leadership roles)

Members of the Admissions Committee will review and assign point values to the above categories based on the PA Program admissions rubric. The most competitive applicants will be invited for an interview.

The DAAAS will compile all applications based on the final scores on the rubric and invite the most competitive applicants to interview. Only those applicants selected for an interview can be considered for admission to the PA program.

Interview Day

The interview day will consist of:
- A detailed overview of the program presented by the Program Director
- A tour of the campus and PA Program facility
- A question-and-answer session with current students (for future cohorts)
- Four short interviews with faculty
- A written essay
- An exit survey regarding the admission process and the interview day

At the completion of the interview day, the Admissions Committee will meet and discuss all candidates who were in attendance and determine acceptance, placement on the active waitlist, or that a candidate is not a good fit for our program. Each applicant will be notified of the Admissions Committee decision.

Registration

Students who accept a seat in the PA Program must submit a $1,000 non-refundable deposit. This deposit will be applied to the first term tuition. Payment terms will be conveyed to the student upon notification of acceptance to the PA program.

Once matriculated, students will be registered for all first-term coursework.

Deferment

Accepted students may not defer matriculation to the program. Students who decline acceptance during the current application cycle will lose their seat in the PA program and would have to re-apply in a future cycle should they wish to attend the PA program.

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