



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Commonwealth University PA Program FAQ Sheet

1. Do you accept online courses?
 - a. Yes, as long as the course is taken through a United States Accredited Institution
2. Do you accept AP credits?
 - a. Yes, if your undergraduate institution accepted your AP credits and it is on your transcript then we will also accept them towards your prerequisite coursework
3. Would you accept a B- for a prerequisite as the required B or better?
 - a. The program is firm on the B or better requirement for prerequisites, and a B- would not be considered a B. Should you choose not to retake the course before applying and still be considered for the interview process, any offer of acceptance would be conditional on retaking those prerequisites for which you received less than a B. The program also does not accept pass/fail for any prerequisite courses. If you received a pass/fail on your transcript, please contact the registrar's office for your official letter grade in that course.
4. When does your program start?
 - a. Mid-May of each year
5. Do students schedule their own clinical rotations?
 - a. Our clinical rotation scheduling process is centralized through a program clinical coordination team. Often these rotations are with health system partners with whom the program has ongoing relationships. While the majority of the clinical rotations are in Pennsylvania, we do have several sites in other states across the US.
6. Do you have a 3+2 (accelerated program)?
 - a. We do! Here is the link to the information - <https://lockhaven.edu/healthscience/prepa/#tab-2>. The undergraduate portion is handled through the Health Sciences department, of which Dr. Eric Lippincott is the chair. His contact information is available on this page as well.
7. I am an international medical graduate – will you review my transcript?
 - a. These transcripts need to be evaluated by WES or a similar service. Once that report is complete, we can review it, but we do not review individual international transcripts without the WES evaluation.
8. When is the last day that I can submit my application?
 - a. The last day that we accept applications is November 1st. However; the transcript must be completed AND verified by CASPA so we strongly encourage you to submit your completed application at least two weeks prior to that date. We do not accept any applications after November 1st.



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9. What happens if I completed coursework after I submitted my application?
 - a. You can send any additional transcripts with completed coursework to Lori Beers at lbeers@commonwealthu.edu
10. Do you require a certain amount of patient care hours/experience?
 - a. We do not require a specific number of patient care hours to apply to our program. We encourage students to gain some experience with a physician assistant to understand the role of the profession but we understand that opportunities do vary for each applicant.