

SOUTH CAROLINA PA PROGRAMS AS OF 2/2017

Program	MUSC https://www.musc.edu/chp/pa	Francis Marion § http://www.fmarion.edu/academics/pa	USC http://pa.med.sc.edu/	North Greenville http://www.ngu.edu/pa-medicine.php	CSU § http://www.csuniv.edu/pa/	Presbyterian College
Application Cycle	CASPA: Apr 27 – Sept 1 Supplemental: Jul 1- Sept. 1	CASPA: June 1 – Feb 1 Supplemental: June 1 – Feb 1	CASPA: Apr 27 – Sept 1 Supplemental: Sept. 15	CASPA: Apr 27– Oct 1 Supplemental: N/A	CASPA: Apr 27 – Sept 1 Supplemental: N/A	N/A
Start Date and program duration	May each year, 27 months	August each year, 27 months	January each year, 27 months	January each year, 24 months	January 2018, 24 months *pending accreditation-provisional status	N/A
Recent Class Data	60 students/ 577 applicants	32 students/1500 applicants, will increase to 64 students	20 students / 1207 applicants	32 students	Inaugural class to have 25 students	N/A
Healthcare Experience	No requirement but highly recommended. Successful applicants average over 500 hours	At least 250 hours of clinical experience (voluntary, shadowing, employment, or a combination)	500 documented healthcare exposure hours (paid, volunteer or shadowing). Prefer that 100 of the hours be direct shadowing of a PA or NP	No minimum requirement. A point value is added to the application score for a. paid health care experience and/or b. provider (PA/MD/DO) shadowing and volunteerism	A minimum of 1,000 hours of direct patient care experience is required (shadowing is permitted)	N/A
GRE	Competitive GRE, no minimum (historically above 60 th percentile)	<u>Requires</u> combined scores above 290 with a minimum of 140 on verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning	A score of 300 or greater is considered competitive but is not an absolute requirement for admission	GRE requirement is <i>optional</i> for applicants with a <i>Master's Degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited institution.</i>	A cumulative (verbal and quantitative) score of 300 is recommended to be competitive	N/A
Prereq completion limits	Must be taken within the last 10 years	No limitations listed	Must be taken within last 7 years. *Preference to prerequisite courses taken at a 4-year institution*	Prerequisite course completion recommended within last 5 to 7 years	Prerequisite coursework must have been completed within the past 7 years	N/A
Special Preference or consideration	<i>No preference to SC residents</i>	<i>Preference given to SC residents</i>	<i>Preference given to SC Residents, USC alumni, US veterans</i>	<i>All NGU graduates and military veterans (honorable discharge) who meet admission requirements will be invited for an interview.</i>	<i>CSU alumni, military veterans, foreign language proficiency, medical training or certifications, advanced degrees, leadership, and volunteerism</i>	N/A

§ Operates on Rolling Admissions

OTHER INFORMATION

FMU: Because the program operates on rolling admissions up until the deadline, it is possible the class can be filled prior to the March 1 deadline. As a result, applicants should begin the application process early in the cycle.

USC: Priority in application review and invitation for interview will be given to those applicants who have a verified CASPA application, a completed supplemental application and had official GRE scores reported by July 15, 2017.

CSU: The Program uses a rolling admissions process and will offer interviews on specific dates in the months of June through September.

IMPORTANT LINKS AND COSTS

GRE (Graduate Record Examinations), Cost \$205

<http://www.ets.org/gre/>

CASPA (Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants).

The cost for a CASPA application is \$175 for the first program and \$50 for each additional program per designation. As a general rule, CASPA does not refund application fees.

<https://portal.caspaonline.org>

The CASPA application cycle runs from April every year until the following March. Applicants may not create an account or submit documentation to CASPA prior to opening date.

UNDERSTAND: The 2017-2018 CASPA application cycle opens on April 27, 2017 and closes on March 1, 2018.