



Admissions Requirements Checklist 2026-2027 Cycle

Applicants must complete the following requirements by the specified deadlines.

- CASPA application submitted and verified by September 1, 2026, including:
 - Completed Personal Statement and Life Experience Essays
 - Completed Program-Specific Custom Questions
 - Official transcripts for all coursework submitted to CASPA
- Submit your transcript to CASPA showing a minimum of a conferred bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university by the date application is submitted for verification
 - If you are still completing your degree by the date your application is submitted, the final transcript showing a conferred degree must be submitted to pa.info@ahu.edu by May 7, 2027, at 3pm EST. Please check your date of graduation if it is in May, 2027.
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale as calculated by CASPA
- Minimum overall science GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale as calculated by CASPA
- Prerequisite courses completed with a C or higher within the last 10 years must be reported in CASPA by the date your application is submitted for verification, with the exception of:
 - up to 8 outstanding prerequisite credit hours
 - students who have up to 8 outstanding credit hours on the date they submit their application to CASPA are required to show proof of enrollment in those outstanding prerequisite courses by submitting either an unofficial transcript or proof of registration directly to pa.info@ahu.edu by September 1, 2026
 - all outstanding prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or higher by March 31, 2027, and a transcript showing completion must be submitted directly to pa.info@ahu.edu
 - applicants who have one or more science prerequisite courses completed more than 10 years prior to the date of application verification may submit a PA-CAT Student Transcript with a scaled score at or above the mean as an alternative to retaking those science prerequisite courses only
 - non-science prerequisites taken over 10 years ago must be retaken
- 3 Letters of Recommendation submitted to CASPA – with preference giving for letters from practicing PAs that the applicant has worked with or shadowed
- CASPer exam taken by August 11, 2026, at 8pm



Admissions Preferences 2026-2027 Cycle

Preference points will be awarded to candidates during pre-interview selection process for the following criteria:

- Graduates of a Seventh-day Adventist college or university, with highest preference given to graduates of AdventHealth University
- Active Seventh-day Adventists verified by a letter from the applicant's pastor confirming regular attendance and good standing in an SDA church
- Current or prior documented military service
- Strong academic performance, including higher prerequisite, last 60 credit hours, and BCP (biology, chemistry, physics) GPAs
- Completion of all prerequisite coursework (grade of C or higher) by the date application is submitted for verification
- High quality and quantity of direct patient care experience
- High quality and quantity of PA shadowing experience
- From a medically underserved area (as indicated in CASPA)
- Economically disadvantaged background (as indicated in CASPA)

Preference points will be awarded to candidates during post interview student selection process for the following criteria:

- Strong letter(s) of recommendation from a practicing PA who has supervised or been shadowed by the applicant
- Engagement in multiple and diverse experiences such as:
 - extracurricular activities while maintaining a full academic load
 - volunteering/community service
 - leadership roles
 - research or teaching experience
 - collegiate athletics participation while maintaining a full academic load
- Strong alignment with the mission and values of the AHU PA Program

Demonstrated understanding of the healthcare system and the role of the physician assistant - along with motivation, maturity, personal insight, and strong interpersonal skills - are also important factors considered in the student selection process.