

Patient Contact

A minimum of 1000 hours of clearly documented volunteer/paid direct hands-on patient contact accrued by the time of application and recorded as part of the official CASPA application is required. The following qualify as patient contact:

- Athletic Trainer (Certified or Student)
- By-Pass Technician
- Cardiovascular Perfusionist
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Dietician
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Clinical Nutritionist
- Clinical Research Assistant
- Community Health Worker
- ED Technician
- EKG Technician
- EMT
- Emergency Room Technician
- Exercise Physiologist (cardiac rehab)
- Foreign Medical Graduate – Physician
- Health Care Related Technician
- Home Health Care Aide
- Lab Assistant
- Medic
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Corpsman
- Medical Mission Volunteer
- Medical Research with Patient Contact
- Medical Scribe
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Nursing Assistant
- Occupational Therapist
- Orderly-Patient Transport
- Orthopedics Technician
- Paramedic
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Phlebotomist
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Physical Therapist Aide
- Radiologic Technologist
- Registered Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Surgical Technician
- Ultrasound Technician
- X-Ray Technician

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list of patient contact experiences. If you have any questions regarding a patient contact experience, please feel free to contact the Chapman University MMS PA Studies Program at: paadmit@chapman.edu