



MY TIMELINE



What Can I do in High School?

Take the [ACT](#) and [SAT](#)

Complete College Applications:
[The Common Application](#)
[CFNC](#) and
Individual applications.

Be aware of transcripts and
transfer credit such as: Early
College, AP, IB, CLEP or Transfer
Credit.

Participate
in extracurricular activities:
Sports, jobs, clubs, organizations,
volunteering. Workshops,
summer camps

What Can I do in College?

PA schools require you to have at least a
Bachelor's Degree. You can transfer from a NC
community college to public NC university and
still go to PA school.

Picking a major does not effect your acceptance
into PA school as long as you have the general
course requirements.

In order to have a competitive application to PA
school, students **MUST** have direct hands-on
patient care hours prior to applying. Search [HERE](#)
for a list of acceptable direct patient care
experience.

Other opportunities to distinguish
your application include: Shadowing, volunteering,
clinical experiences, research.

What about PA School and Residency?

PA schools require you to take the [GRE](#) exam before
applying to PA school.

[CASPA](#) is the application service for PA school.

Applications open about one year before
entering PA school. The application process
includes: applications and in-person interviews

PA school lasts two years. There is no residency
requirement. There are eleven PA schools in North
Carolina:

[Campbell](#)

[Duke](#)

[UNC](#)

[Wingate](#)

[Elon](#)

[Peiffer](#)

[Methodist](#)

[Wake Forest](#)

[High Point](#)

[East Carolina](#)

[Gardner Webb](#)

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS...

Advocate for patients in
the health care system

Diagnosis & treat patients with
minimal physician supervision

Prescribe medications

Are needed in Western
North Carolina

Manage patient medications,
order and interpret diagnostic tests,
educate and counsel patients,
research, AND MORE!



MORE INFORMATION?

[US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

[Application Fee Assistance](#)

[PA Student Resources](#)

[My Next Move—Physician Assistant](#)

[What is a PA?](#)