

To strengthen your candidacy we recommend:

1. Taking and/or retaking science courses that may have originally been challenging, for several reasons including:

- Improve your fund of knowledge prior to entering a PA/Medical Program
- Show admission committees that you can indeed successfully complete these tough courses.

Most PA Programs have demanding course loads, often times requiring students to take 4-6 demanding courses per semester. So, challenge yourself to make sure you can handle several tough science courses at once and will be able to be successful in a PA Program.

We also recommend you thoroughly review our Admissions page and assure all required prerequisites are met by designated deadlines. We encourage candidates to consider taking our preferred prerequisites to help them become more successful in our program.

2. Once you visit our Admissions Page you will also find we require 3 letters of reference. We recommend that you obtain these letters from medical providers and professionals who can attest to your ability to perform clinically, and someone who can attest to your ability to perform academically.
3. Shadowing a medical provider (Physician or PA) is extremely valuable, however, shadowing a PA has the advantage of exposing you to the profession and helping you understand the role of a PA.
4. We recommend that you review your personal statement letter to ensure that it is articulate, grammatically accurate and describes not only why you want to become a PA, but also what special qualities you will bring to the profession and what qualities you possess that will help you be a successful student.
5. Lastly we **strongly encourage** you to apply early in the cycle.

**Please remember these are all suggestions from the admissions committee and do not guarantee an interview or admission into the program.**

Thank you again for considering the CDU PA Program!