

# Applying to PA School

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## ACCEPTED BYU STUDENTS STATISTICS

Yearly statistics on BYU students who have been accepted to PA school can be found [HERE](#).

## CASPA

CASPA enables prospective PA students to apply to multiple PA programs with one application. Application and instructions are available [HERE](#).

The application for each year opens near the end of April.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

### WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY PERSONAL STATEMENT?

The Pre-Professional Advisement Center offers a personal statement workshop that teaches students how to get started on crafting their own personal statement. The calendar for personal statement workshops can be found [HERE](#). To schedule an appointment with our personal statement editor, click [HERE](#). We encourage you to attend a workshop before meeting with the editor.

## EXPERIENCES

### WHAT SHOULD I LIST FOR MY WORK AND ACTIVITIES SECTION?

Include significant experiences, awards, honors, research, service, hobbies, leadership, and extracurricular activities.

**Helpful Links:** [Experiences](#)

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

### WHAT GOES INTO MY SCIENCE (BCP) GPA?

Courses in biology, chemistry, and physics, as well as research in these subjects are counted in your BCP.

**Helpful Links:** [Calculating Your CASPA GPAs](#)

## STANDARDIZED TEST (PA-CAT AND/OR GRE)

### WHAT IF I AM WAITING FOR MY PA-CAT AND/OR SCORES BEFORE I APPLY?

If you are waiting to get your PA-CAT and/or GRE scores to decide which schools to apply to, submit the application for at least one school so that it will start to be processed.

**Helpful Links:** [Official GRE Scores](#), [PA-CAT](#)

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (EVALUATIONS)

### WHEN SHOULD I TURN IN MY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION?

Your letters are not needed until later on in the application process. We suggest that you submit your application and then ensure that your letters are sent.

Most schools won't even consider your letters of recommendation until you have completed their supplemental application.

### WHOM CAN I GET SCIENCE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM?

Professors teaching any biology, chemistry, and physics count as science professors.

**Helpful Links:** [Evaluations](#)

## TRANSCRIPTS

### HOW DO I DESIGNATE BYU SEMESTERS FOR CASPA?

Be sure to assign the correct calendar year for Spring and Summer terms so that your coursework follows chronological order.

### HOW DO I LIST INTEGRATED LAB COURSEWORK?

If your courses have integrated labs with instruction, list the course description as is and, then click the Lecture and Lab designation box. For example, Chem 105—General Chemistry and lab.

**Note:** Mistakes in coursework designation may slow down your application. Students should follow the directions in the respective application service instructions regarding classification of course work.

### WHERE DO I LIST AP CREDITS?

AP credits should be listed in the first college semester or term where you attended school and assigned with the AP course designation. List the course names for which your AP exam gave you credit, breaking down your credits as listed on your BYU transcript, if possible.

For example, if you took the AP English exam and received credit for WRTG 150 then list under your 1st college semester: WRTG 150—3.0 credits—P (because you got a passing grade) and then check the Advanced Placement box. If your transcript gives you credit for AP 100R, list the class name as “AP Credit: English” (or whatever subject the test was in).

### WHERE DO I LIST LANGUAGE TEST CREDITS?

If BYU departmental exams are taken for foreign language credits, it must be reported in the first college semester at BYU and designated as **AP Credit**. If you are a transfer student, list the language test credits under the first college semester of the institution where you received the language credit.

### WILL THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISEMENT CENTER SEND MY TRANSCRIPTS TO APPLICATION SERVICES?

No. Transcripts must be requested from the BYU Records Office. Requests can also be made online. You can request a transcript [HERE](#).

**Note:** You will need to submit an official transcript for all other universities or colleges you have attended, including institutes of religion.

**Helpful Links:** [US and English-Canadian Transcripts](#), [CASPA Transcript Entry](#), [CASPA Course Subjects](#)