



# Pre-Professional Advising Newsletter

Congratulations to those of you who are graduating. It has been our privilege to work with you! Please [let us know](#) what your future plans are. We are excited to hear about how you will apply your talents in various ways.

PPA advisors are available to assist students and alumni over the summer as they apply to or prepare for professional school. Schedule a virtual appointment with us through [BoilerConnect](#) or email us at [preprofessional@purdue.edu](mailto:preprofessional@purdue.edu).

## 2022 Application Cycle Dates

Online application systems will be opening in the coming weeks and months. Schedule an appointment with a Pre-Professional Advisor to discuss your application.

- Already open - [VMCAS](#) (Veterinary Medicine, programs available May 12), [CASPA](#) (Physician Assistant)
- May 3, 2021: [AMCAS](#) (Allopathic Medicine) and [TMDSAS](#) (Texas medical, dental and veterinary)
- May 4, 2021: [AACOMAS](#) (Osteopathic Medicine)
- May 11, 2021: [ADEA AADSAS](#) (Dental)
- May 17, 2021: TMDSAS submission begins
- May 27, 2021: AMCAS submission begins

- June 1, 2021: ADEA AADSAS submission begins
- late-June, 2021: [ATCAS](#) (Athletic Training)
- late-June, 2021: [OptomCAS](#) (Optometry)
- July 1, 2021 (tentative): [PTCAS](#) (Physical Therapy)
- mid-July, 2021: [CSDCAS](#) (Communication Science & Disorders)
- mid-July, 2021: [OTCAS](#) (Occupational Therapy)
- mid-July, 2021: [PharmCAS](#) (Pharmacy)
- early-August, 2021: [AACPMAS](#) (Podiatric Medicine)
- mid-August, 2021: [SOPHAS](#) (Public Health and some Healthcare Administration)
- early-September, 2021: [HAMPCAS](#) (Healthcare Administration)
- early-September, 2021: [LSAC](#) (Law)

\*Please note that some fields such as chiropractic, genetic counseling, naturopathic medicine, and pathologists' assistant require application directly to individual programs instead of through an online common application.

## 2022 Application Tips

1. **Apply Early!** Most professional schools review applications as they are received and admit on a rolling basis. Submitting your application within a month of the application opening is advised. Do not wait for letters of recommendation or test scores to submit your application - applications are processed without these.

2. Many application services have added **optional COVID-19 impact essay questions** that ask applicants to describe the impact of the pandemic on them academically, professionally and personally. We encourage applicants to use this opportunity to discuss challenges that they have faced due to the pandemic. Contact us if you would like to discuss this in more depth.

3. Medical and Dental applicants can use **PPA's letter collection service**. We collect your letters of recommendation and submit them to the application service(s). Letters are kept on file for 5 application cycles, and can be used only for medical/dental school application. To sign up, complete the survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3hgkmou>. For more details, [visit our website](#), email us or schedule an appointment with an advisor.

Application services for other healthcare fields do not permit anyone other than the letter writer to upload the letter of recommendation. PPA has [created a guide](#) you may provide to your letter writer.

Research the programs you plan to apply to - learn their letter requirements and request letters from individuals who meet those specific requirements.

4. We encourage you to **read the application instructions** thoroughly before and while you complete the application. All application services answer applicant questions by phone or email - make note of these phone numbers or email addresses. PPA advisors are available to assist you but for many questions, the best source of information is the application service itself.

5. **Request transcripts** from all colleges/universities where you've earned credit, including dual credit earned while in high school. Even if you have had the credits transferred to Purdue, you must still enter the college/university into the application as a school you've attended and request the transcript be sent to the application service. Purdue students should request a paper copy of the transcript sent by mail. Do this early! Visit the [Office of the Registrar's website](#) for instructions.

## Upcoming Events

- May 18: US Army Physicians Health Professions Scholarship Program Event. 1pm-9pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- May 18-20: ADEA GoDental Virtual Fair. 3pm-6pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- June 2: Optometry Virtual Fair. 9am-7pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- June 8: Choose DO Medical School Virtual Expo. 12-6pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- July 14: This is Public Health Virtual Fair. 9am-7pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- July 20: Physician Assistant Virtual Fair. 9am-9pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- July 28: PharmCAS Applicant Webinar. 2pm-3pm Eastern. [Register here](#).

# Announcements & Summer Opportunities

## **NAAHP Student Resources**

The National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP) maintains several student resources on its website including a [calendar of events](#) for prospective professional school students as well as information about [summer opportunities](#), [funding resources](#), [postbaccalaureate programs](#), and [more](#).

## **Indiana University Health Open Interviews**

Indiana University Health is hosting a hiring event for patient care assistants (PCA) where you can interview directly with a hiring manager. Interviews will be conducted virtually and take place from 4pm to 7pm every Wednesday through May. Visit <https://careers.iuhealth.org/pages/workatarnett> to schedule an interview at IU Health Arnett, White Memorial, or Frankfort.

## **ScribeAmerica Hiring**

ScribeAmerica plans to hire at least 5 students or alumni in the near future for medical scribe positions in the Columbus, IN area. There are also gap year opportunities in Evansville, Muncie, and Lafayette. Visit [ScribeAmerica's website](#) or email Amanda Scheib at [amanda.magilton@scribeamerica.com](mailto:amanda.magilton@scribeamerica.com).

## **INScribe Hiring**

Scribes at INScribe work alongside physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants at local Indiana University Health hospitals. To apply [visit the website](#) or email Kenny Nguyen at [admin@indianascribes.com](mailto:admin@indianascribes.com) or [knguyen@indianascribes.com](mailto:knguyen@indianascribes.com).

## **University of Miami School of Law Summer Legal Academy**

This three-week online program from July 5-23 exposes students to the traditional first-year curriculum, including Torts, Contracts, Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, and Criminal Law. There is **no cost** for attendance or materials. The [application form](#) and additional information about the program are available on this [website](#). Priority deadline is May 15, 2021.

## Berkeley Virtual Opto-Camp

Opto-Camp is a free two-week summer program that provides participants with opportunities to learn about the profession of optometry and the process of becoming an optometrist. Program dates are July 12-23, and the application deadline is May 14, 2021. [Click here](#) to register.

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