

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences Physician Assistant Program is posting the following modifications to our application process. None of these changes represent any substantive alterations to admission requirements. Rather, they are an acknowledgement of the challenges faced by applicants at this particular time.

1. CASPA is offering the addition of an optional essay in your application file concerning ones' academic and personal experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although this is not a requirement, the Admissions Committee will read any such essay you care to submit.
2. Students having difficulty obtaining official transcripts in a timely manner will be able to submit unofficial transcripts for evaluation by CASPA. These transcripts will be considered during the decision-making process, but official transcripts validated by CASPA, must be received prior to final admissions decisions. We urge all applicants to make arrangements for the timely receipt of all official transcripts.
3. For the 2021-2022 application cycle the program has waived the secondary application fee of \$60.00.
4. The program will accept test scores from the GRE administered remotely.
5. Online coursework will be considered for the Spring, Summer and Fall 2020 and 2021 semesters.
6. The Program will accept Pass/Fail grades for the Spring, Summer and Fall 2020 and 2021 semester courses. If an applicant feels that a grade of Pass is not reflective of exemplary performance, the applicant may consider requesting a letter of recommendation from the course instructor.
7. Health Care Experience requirements remain at 500 hours for each applicant.
8. Interviews are required for all considered applicants. They will proceed remotely until further notice. All final admissions decisions will be made **ONLY** when the entire application process is complete.
9. Our admissions process remains subject to further changes, as the challenges due to the pandemic continue to evolve.

