



COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## **MASTER'S DEGREE - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES**

### **Application and Interview Process (Accreditation Standards A3.13 and A3.14):**

Indiana State University is a participant in CASPA (Centralized Application Service for PAs). To apply to our program, you must complete a CASPA application. The CASPA application cycle runs from April to March 1. CASPA applications must be verified by June 1st in order to be considered.

Priority in application review and invitation for interview will be given to those applicants who have completed their CASPA. Admission to the ISU PA program is competitive. Each year, the program receives approximately 350 verified applications. The number of applicants interviewed varies each year and thirty students are admitted in January.

Interviews are typically conducted in person. However, it is possible that unexpected circumstances may result in on-line interviews as needed. An interview day consists of a 20–30-minute interview with members of the PA Admissions Committee, along with tours of the ISU campus and other facilities that will be used by PA students.

Applicant scoring is based on a rubric scale that includes, but is not limited to: Cumulative undergraduate GPA, cumulative undergraduate science GPA, patient care experience, Indiana residency, military experience, and clarity of goals in relation to the PA profession. An interview tool of approximately nine questions is also evaluated and included in the final admission decision.

Each application is evaluated on its own merits. ISU is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse and well-rounded group of students who represent all facets of society. Applicants are reviewed holistically based on their experience, academic background and potential, leadership ability, and other qualities appropriate to graduate study.