	Allopathic Medicine (MD)	Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	Physician's Assistant	Nursing (BSN & Accelerated BSN)	Dentistry	Veterinary Medicine	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy
Number of Schools (using application service)	172	36	254	300+	66	40	176	67
Application Service	<u>AMCAS</u>	<u>AACOMAS</u>	<u>CASPA</u>	<u>NursingCAS</u>	<u>AADSAS</u>	<u>VMCAS</u>	<u>PTCAS</u>	<u>OTCAS</u>
Average GPA & Entrance Exam Score	Overall: 3.7; Science (BCPM): 3.7; MCAT: 510	Overall: 3.47; Science: 3.37; MCAT: 503	Overall: 3.5; Science: 3.5; Pre- Req: 3.5; GRE: ~300 combined score & ~4.0 writing (scores above the 50th percentile)	Overall: 3.5; Science: 3.5; Pre- Req: 3.3; TEAS/HESI: 75%; GRE: ~300 combined score & ~4.0 writing (scores above the 50th percentile)	Overall: 3.6; Science: 3.5; BCP: 3.5; DAT: AA-20, PAT-20, TS-20	Overall GPA: 3.60; Science GPA: 3.50; GRE: ~310 combined score & ~4.0 writing (scores above the 50th percentile)	Overall: 3.5; Science: 3.4; Pre- Req: 3.2; GRE: ~300 combined score & ~4.0 writing (scores above the 50th percentile)	Overall: 3.5; Science: 3.4; Pre- Req: 3.4; GRE: ~300 combined score & ~4.0 writing (scores above the 50th percentile)
Length of Training	4 years +residency	4 years +residency	2 years	2 years	4 years	4 years	3 years	2-3 years
Entrance Exams	MCAT	MCAT	GRE (depending on school)	TEAS, GRE, and/or HESI (depending on school)	DAT	GRE (will accept MCAT)	GRE	GRE
Admissions Requirements Resource	MSAR (\$28/year)	<u>ChooseDO</u>	PAEA Online directory (free)	AACN Guide to Graduate Nursing Programs	ADEA Guide to Dental Schools (\$25 online copy)	<u>VMSAR (\$35)</u>	<u>CAPTE</u>	<u>aota</u>
Application Start Date	Opens early May; Submissions begin early June (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submissions begin early May (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submissions begin early April (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submissions typically open during the Fall semester (<i>depending on school</i>)	Opens mid-May, Submission begins early June (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens Late January; Submissions begin mid-May through mid-September (year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submissions begin in July (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submissions begin in July (full year prior to matriculation)
Experience Needed Prior to Beginning Program	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Direct Patient Care (1000+ hours), Shadowing (100 hours), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing (100 hours), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing (~300 hours), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Veterinary Experience: Shadowing (600+), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing (100 hours), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing (100 hours), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)
Letters Of Recommendation	3+ letters depending on school. Typically should have 4-6 letters {1 physician, 2 hard science, 1 non-science, plus additional letters (other research mentors, employers, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	6 letters max {1 physician, 2 hard science, 1 non-science, additional letters (other research mentors, employers, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters {1 PA, 1 faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters {1 nurse, 1 faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	4 letters max {1 general dentist, 2 hard science, and 1 professional (employers, other research mentors, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	6 letters max {1 letter from a veterinarian, 1 from a science faculty, 1 from a professional that knows you well, plus additional letters (other faculty/research mentors, employers, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters {1 PT, 1 faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters {1 OT, 1 faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well} **Unless stated otherwise by institution
Residency	3-7 years depending on specialty	3-7 years depending on specialty	No	No	Optional	Optional	No	No
Licensing Exams	USMLE Step 1 (after Year 2); USMLE Step 2 (2 parts: after year 4); USMLE Step 3 (after 1 st or 2nd year of residency)	COMLEX 1-USA (after Year 2); COMLEX-USA 2 (two part-during Year 3 or 4); COMLEX-USA 3 (after at least 6 months of residency)	Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE)	NCLEX & NCLEX-RN	NBDE Part I (2nd year) & Part II (4th year)	North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)	National Physical Therapy Exam	NBCOT Exam
Salary	\$150K (pediatrics, general practice); \$300k+ (radiology, cardiology, surgery)	\$150-180K for general practice (higher for specialty)	\$112K-\$140K	\$97K-\$122K	\$192K (\$300K+ for specialties)	\$96K-160K	\$85K-\$122K	\$83K-\$100K

	Pharmacy	Genetic Counseling	Speech Pathology	Anesthesiologist Assistant	Clinical Psychologist	Optometry	Chiropractic Medicine	Podiatry
Number of Schools (using application service)	133	48	300+	11	300+	21	19	9
Application Service	<u>PharmCAS</u>	No Central Application	<u>CSDCAS</u>	CASAA	No Central Application	<u>OPTOMCAS</u>	No Central Application	<u>AACPMAS</u>
Average GPA & Entrance Exam Score	Overall: 3.3; Science: 3.15	Overall: 3.5; Science: 3.4	Overall: 3.7; Science: 3.5; Pre- Req: 3.5; GRE: 300	Overall: 3.5; Science/Pre-Req: 3.5; GRE: \sim 310		Overall: 3.50; Science: 3.6; OAT: (<i>AA/TS) 340/340</i>		Overall: 3.4; Science (BCPM): 3.2; MCAT: 494
Length of Training	4 years	2 years	2 years	2 years	5-7 years	4 years	4 years	4 years +residency
Entrance Exams	PCAT	GRE	GRE (depending on school)	GRE or MCAT <i>(depending on the</i> school)	GRE, Psychology subject test, and/or MAT <i>(depending on</i> <i>school)</i>	OAT	GRE	MCAT
Admissions Requirements Resource	<u>PharmCAS</u>	Genetic Counseling Programs	<u>ASHA</u>	СААНЕР	<u>apa</u>	<u>ASCO</u>	Association of Chiropractic <u>Colleges</u>	<u>aacpm</u>
Application Start Date	Opens mid-July (full year prior to matriculation)	Application and submissions begin early May (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submission begin late July/early August	Opens and submissions begin mid-March (full year prior to matriculation)	Applications due in late Fall, early Winter prior to Fall matriculation	Opens and submissions begin late June (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submissions begin in July (full year prior to matriculation)	Opens and submissions begin August (full year prior to matriculation)
Experience Needed Prior to Beginning Program	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing (25 hours), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing (with AA, CRNA, or Anesthesiologist), volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)	Clinical experience: Shadowing, volunteering/employment, internships, (Research encouraged)
Letters Of Recommendation	3+ letters depending on school. Typically should have 4-6 letters {1 physician, 2 hard science, 1 non-science, plus additional letters (other research mentors, employers, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	4 letters depending on school {1 GC, 2 faculty (at least 1 hard science), 1 letter from a professional that knows you well, plus additional letters (other research mentors, employers, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters {1 SLP, 1 faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters {1 AA, 1 faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters { faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well, plus additional letters (other research mentors, employer, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	4 letters max {2 hard science, 1 optometrist, and 1 professional (employers, other research mentors, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	3 Letters {1 Chiropractor, 1 faculty, 1 letter from a professional that knows you well} **Unless stated otherwise by institution	0-3 letters required depending on school {1 DPM, 2 faculty, plus additional letters (other research mentors, employer, etc.)} **Unless stated otherwise by institution
Residency	Optional	No	No	No	l-year internship/supervised residency <i>(depending on</i> program/functional area)	Optional	No	2-3 years
Licensing Exams	North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)	American Board of Genetic Counseling Certification Exam	SLP Praxis Exam	National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA)	Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) plus additional state requirements	NBEO Part I (spring of 3 year), Part II (4th year) & Part III (4th year)	National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) exam	AMPLE Part 1; AMPLE Part II (two parts-written & CSPE); AMPLE Part III (during residency)
Salary	\$88K-\$163K	\$61K-\$115K	\$48K-\$120K	\$112K	\$70K	\$105-156K (depending on practice ownership)	\$35K-\$148K	\$181K