Examples of **Direct Patient Care Experience** for Physician Assistant Program Admission

At least 750 hours of quality direct-patient contact experience are required to begin the PA program. A competitive applicant will have the required 750 hours of patient care experience at the time of application. The quality of the experience(s) and number of hours are weighed when considering an application. The more hands-on activities are considered higher quality and less hands-on activities are considered lower quality but are still important to include in your application. Patient contact hours may be paid or volunteer.

The following is a list of patient-care experiences with approximate quality values and is intended as a guide only and is not all-inclusive. Again, it is important to note that assigned values of patient experience are based on description of duties on the application.

High-quality experiences require a high level of decision making and intensive hands-on responsibility for which . Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

} Athletic Trainer
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