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## Direct Patient Care

A minimum of 500 hours of Direct Patient Care (DPC) is required.

➢ Can be either paid or volunteer

➢ While there are various potential titles, please detail in your application the duties performed to indicate why you believe the experience was specifically Patient Care

➢ Not all health care hours are direct patient care

➢ DPC should involve patient interaction and exposure experiences that enable you to utilize skills or medical terminology in a clinical setting

➢ The following lists do not cover all potential positions.  Please make appropriate determinations based on the functions of the positions and list in the experience section on the CASPA application under the appropriate category.

Job titles of **acceptable** hours: The following are examples of positions that we have given full consideration for acceptable Direct Patient Care hours

- EMT
- Medical Tech
- ER Tech
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Nurse
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Paramedic
- EKG Tech

- Radiation Therapist
- Radiology Tech
- Corpsman
- Medical Imaging
- Medical Assistant
- Respiratory Tech
- Athletic Trainer
- Chiropractor

Job titles of **partially acceptable** hours: The following are examples of positions that we have given half consideration for acceptable Direct Patient Care hours.  These hours will count as 50% (If you completed 1000 hours, you will be evaluated as having completed 500 hours.)

- Medical Scribe
- Phlebotomist
- Sonographer
- Psychiatric Tech
- Pharmacy Tech
- Optometry Tech

- Dental Assistant
- Registered Dietitian
- Patient Escort/transporter
- Licensed Massage Therapist
- Research Coordinator – with Human Trials only

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Job titles that will **not count** towards Direct Patient Care hours:

- Counseling
- Comforter
- Shadowing
- Student interning
- Medical Sales
- Medical intake/billing
- Patient Sitter/comforter
- Home Health Aide
- CPR Trainer
- Veterinary Tech
- Clinic Front Desk
- Housekeeping in Hospital
- Mortuary Services
- Health Advisor