

## **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

**QUESTION:** As a pre-PA student, what did you do to build up your CV? In addition, please add your interest/what you want to specialize in.

**ANSWER:** To build up my CV, I shadowed a PA for about 6 months and still have her as a mentor to talk to. I think it's important to find someone in the field that you're interested in working in that is willing to still guide you even after you are done shadowing. The cool thing about being a PA is that you don't have to pick one specialty. You can work in one specialty for a few years and then change it up to a completely different specialty. That's what I'm excited about.

**QUESTION:** Have you volunteered in a hospital? If so, where and how was your experience like?

**ANSWER:** I volunteer in the NICU at Sunrise Hospital which gives me great insight into the specialty I hope to be apart of. I especially love to watch the teamwork that all the staff uses. No one goes in noticed and everyone is appreciated; even the volunteers.

**QUESTION:** What would you do differently if given the opportunity?

**ANSWER:** I would have decided to become a PA much sooner. Family is very important to me and the fact that I will have more time for that has alleviated lots of stress.

**QUESTION:** What classes were/are the most beneficial?

**ANSWER:** Histology is very useful to go to PA school. The schooling is half that of medical school so it is important to take the classes that are going to benefit you the most in that small amount of time. I am also taking medical terminology which has come in handy within the last few months

**QUESTION:** What tips can you give about taking the GRE?

**ANSWER:** To get into PA school you must take the GRE. I have not taken it yet so I don't have any advice except to brush up on your math (that's what I have heard).