Preliminary School List: Physician Assistant

1. **Geography:** Where in the US have you spent significant time in the past (growing up, vacations, internships, etc.)? In what areas do you have personal ties? Are there other location factors that you’re considering in your application (urban/rural, access to certain patient populations, cultural diversity, other opportunities)?

2. **Mission:** Which mission statement is most appealing to you and why?
   a. *Our mission is to prepare physician assistants to provide compassionate, high quality, patient centered care as members of interdisciplinary teams. Graduates of our program are culturally competent, committed to continuous learning and professional development and make significant contributions to communities and the advancement of the PA profession.*

   b. *To educate men and women to become competent, compassionate physician assistants dedicated to excellence in health care and to the service of humanity. X’s resources allow the PA program to draw on the vast network of experts in their respective fields for lectures and clinical experiences.*

   c. *The mission of the Physician Assistant Studies Program is to excel in the art and science of the PA education and promote interprofessional primary health care delivery to a diverse and dynamic population. Encourage leadership, service and excellence among out faculty, staff, students and graduates. Foster a commitment to evidence-based practice, quality improvement and patient safety.*
3. **Focus:** If you were to pursue a specialty area post PA school, which of these would be of the greatest interest. This is not an exhaustive list.
   a. Family Medicine
   b. Dermatology
   c. Pediatrics
   d. OBGYN/Women’s Health
   e. Surgery

4. Are there student organizations/activities that you seek in PA school (religious, cultural, music/arts, service, athletic, social)?

5. Are there factors guiding your school selection (location, mission, cost, experience, etc.)?

6. List 5 schools that you plan to apply to

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