CASPA Cycle 9 Report
(Applicants and Matriculants 2009-2010)

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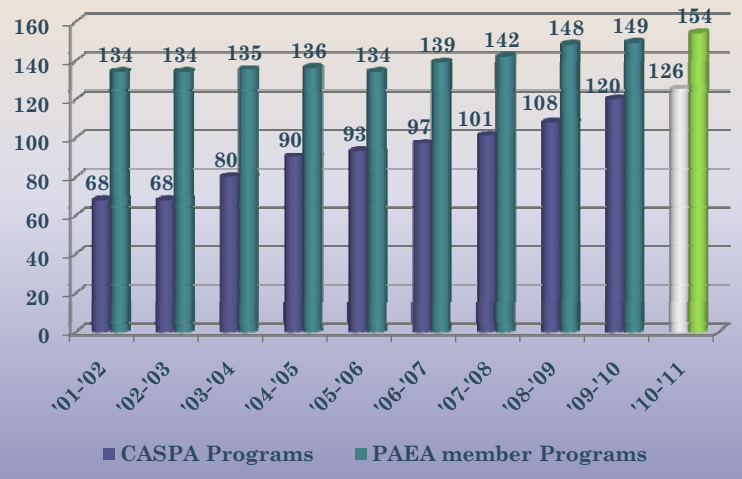
Participating Programs

82% of all programs participated in CASPA in Cycle 9



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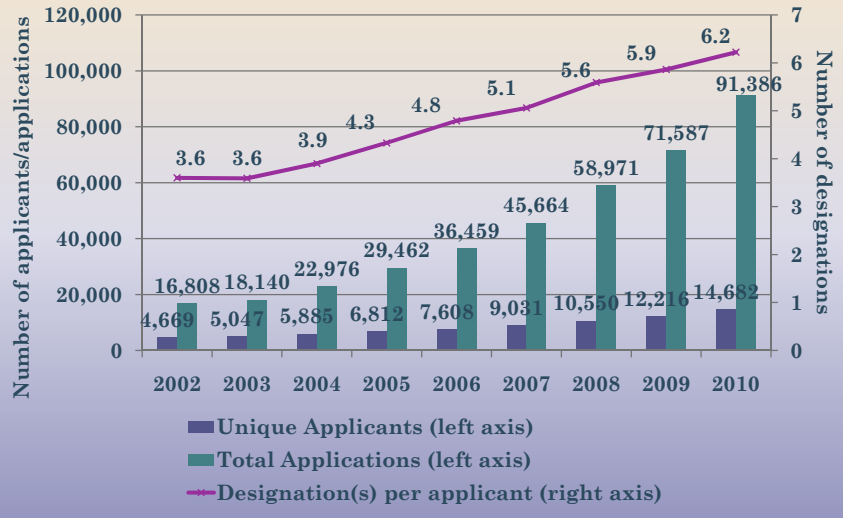
Applicants and Applications



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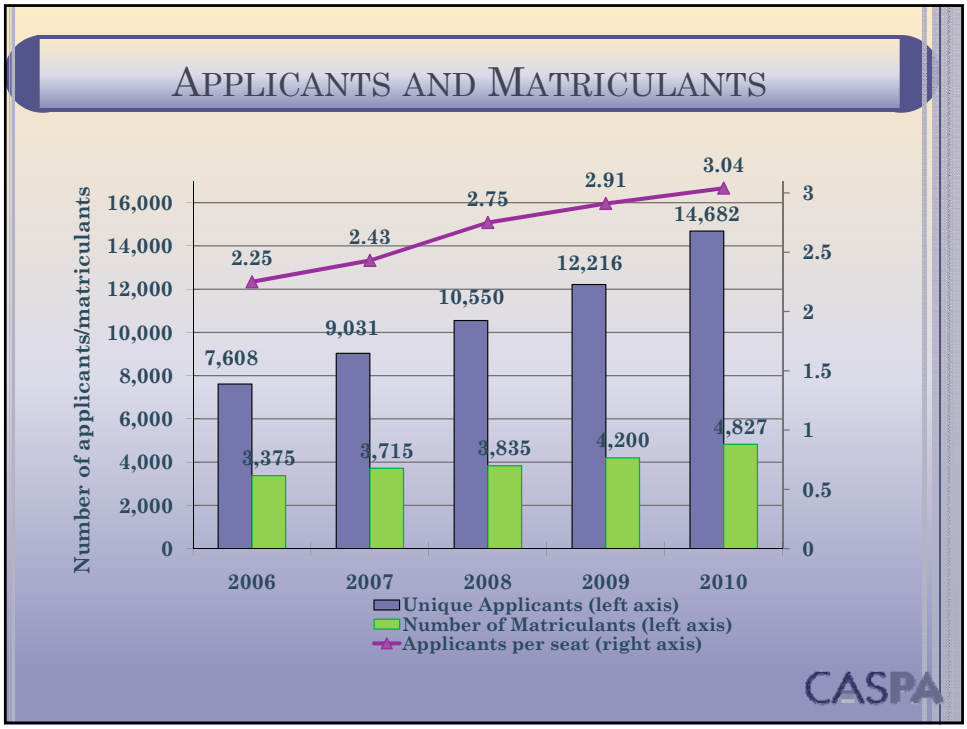
APPLICANTS AND MATRICULANTS
Number of applicants/matriculants
16,000
14,000
12,000
10,000
8,000
6,000
4,000
2,000
0
3
2.5
2
1.5
1
0.5
0
2.25
2.43
2.75
2.91
3.04
7,608
9,031
10,550
12,216
14,682
3,375
3,715
3,835
4,200
4,827
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
Unique Applicants (left axis)
Number of Matriculants (left axis)
Applicants per seat (right axis)
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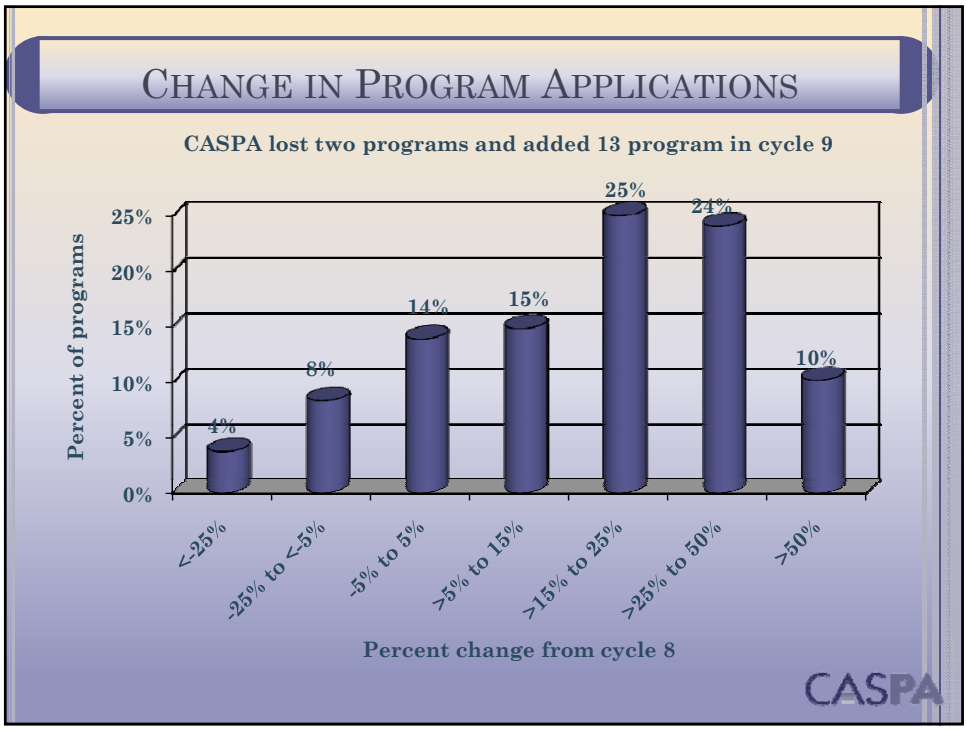
CHANGE IN PROGRAM APPLICATIONS
CASPA lost two programs and added 13 program in cycle 9
Percent of programs
25%
20%
15%
10%
5%
0%
4%
8%
14%
15%
25%
24%
10%
<-25%
-25% to <-5%
-5% to 5%
>5% to 15%
>15% to 25%
>25% to 50%
>50%
Percent change from cycle 8
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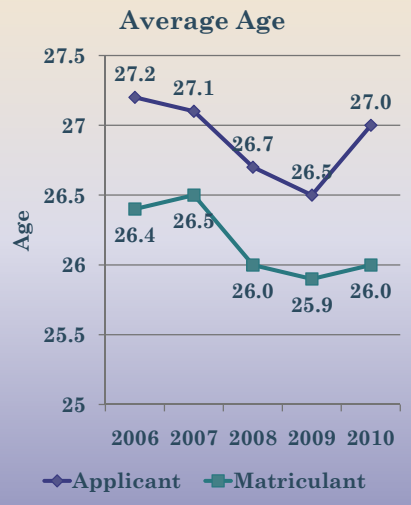
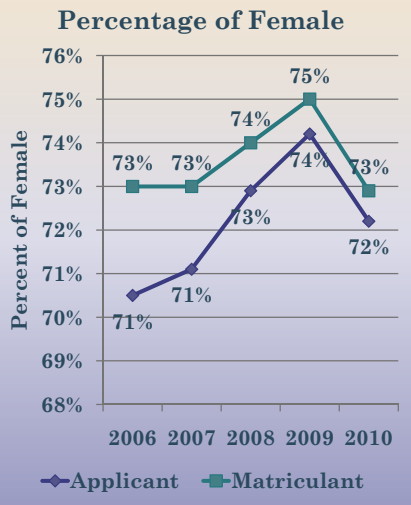
Age and Gender

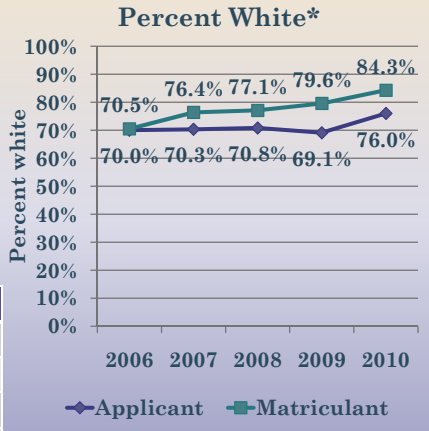




Ethnicity and Race

- Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina origin:
  - Applicants: 9.0%
  - Matriculants: 7.4%
- Race (Applicants can choose more than one answer):

	Applicant	Matriculant
Am. Ind/Ala	1.2%	1.0%
Asian	14.5%	10.8%
Black/Af. Am.	8.6%	4.1%
Native Ha./other P.I.	0.2%	0.1%
White	78.1%	86.2%



* Data for 2010 reflects applicants/matriculants that selected "White" only

Most Common Majors*

Rank	Applicants	Matriculants
1	BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY
2	PSYCHOLOGY	HEALTH SCIENCE
3	HEALTH SCIENCE	PSYCHOLOGY
4	EXERCISE SCIENCE	EXERCISE SCIENCE
5	NURSING	KINESIOLOGY
6	KINESIOLOGY	GENERAL STUDIES
7	GENERAL STUDIES	NUTRITION
8	MEDICINE	NURSING
9	PREMEDICAL	PREMEDICAL
10	SCIENCE	BUSINESS

*Applicants can have multiple majors

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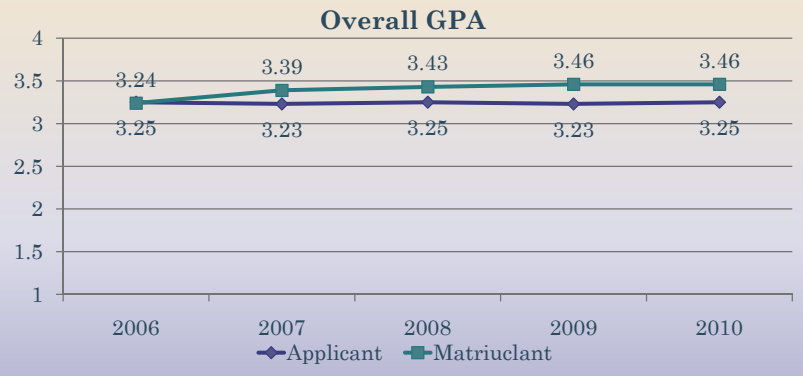

	Applicant	Matriculant
Science	**3.13**	**3.39**
Non- Science	**3.37**	**3.54**
Overall	**3.25**	**3.46**

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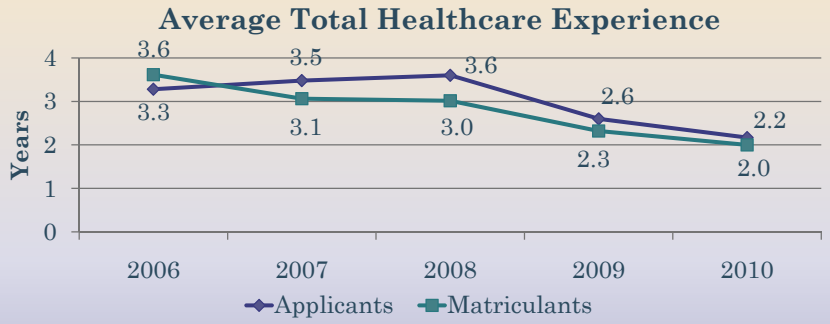
Average Healthcare Experience*



	Applicant Average (median)	Matriculant Average (median)
Direct Patient Care	3,983 hrs (1,580 hrs)	3,456 hrs (1,476 hrs)
Health Care Related Experience	2,305 hrs (711 hrs)	1,836 hrs (529 hrs)
Shadowing	174 hrs (61 hrs)	153 hrs (60 hrs)
Overall	4,507 hrs (1,828 hrs)	4,108 hrs (1,829 hrs)

*Self-reported data

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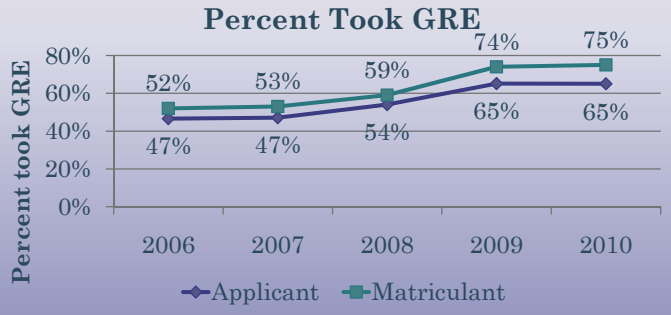
GRE*

- 48% programs required GRE or MCAT
- Average applicant GRE score (Quant+Verb) = 1071
  Average matriculant GRE score (Quant+Verb) = 1115
  (similar to previous years)



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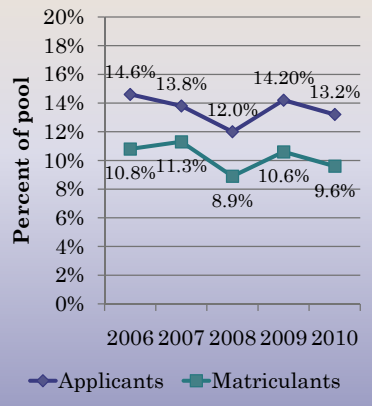
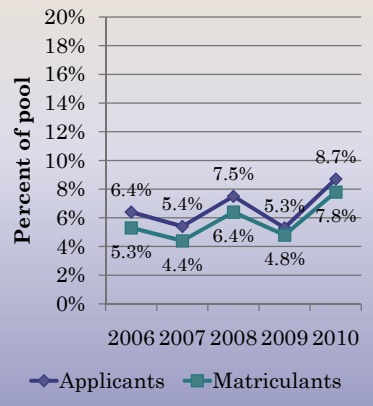
Disadvantaged Status





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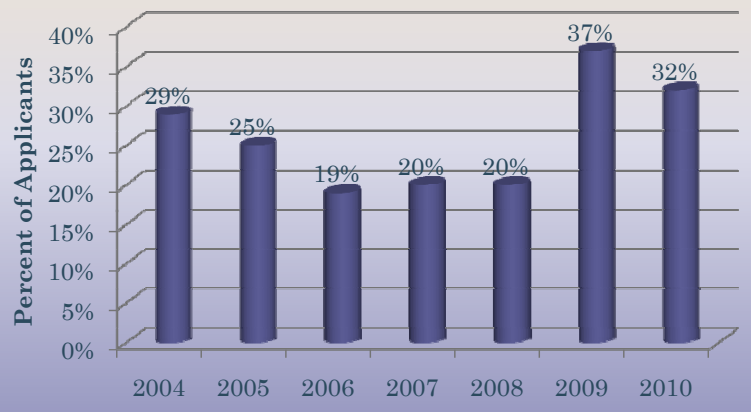
Non-CASPA Applications



Source: CASPA Applicant Survey 2010

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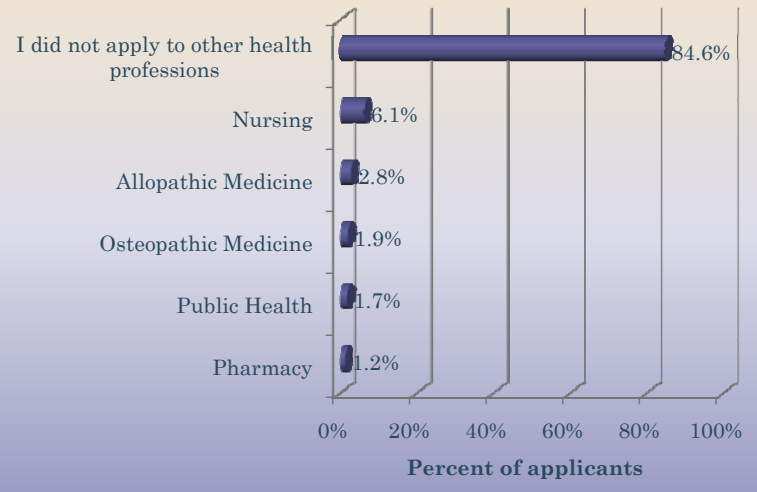
Other Professions Applied to



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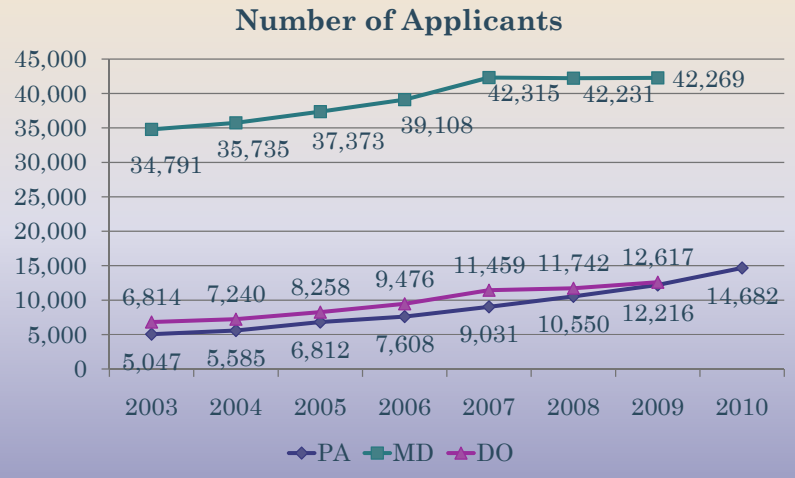
Comparison with Other Health Professions



Source: AAMC, AACOM

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CASPA Services

- 87.8% of CASPA applicants rated the overall service as "very good" or "good"
- Over 90% of CASPA applicants rated "very easy" or "easy" on instruction, FAQs, on-line application, and electronic reference process
- 98% of CASPA programs were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall service

Source: CASPA Applicant Survey 2010, CASPA Program Survey 2010

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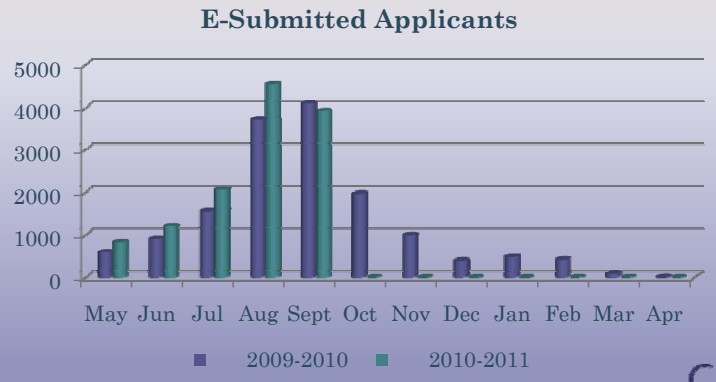
CASPA Cycle 10

As of September 30, 2010

- Total Applicants: Up 1,687 or 16%
- Designations: Up from 6.2 to 6.5



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CASPA Processing Times

Application processing begins after application is complete:

- **Submitted and fee paid**
- **All transcripts received**
- **Two of three letters of reference received**

Average Processing Time Once Complete:

	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Average
2009-2010	1	3.3	1.2	3.6	10	3.8
2010-2011	1.3	2.4	3.5	7.9	15.9	6.2

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CASPA Open/Close Dates

Closing Date for Cycle 10 (2010-2011)

March 23, 2011

Opening Date for Cycle 11 (2011-2012)

April 13, 2011

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