

## **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.)** *Transitional Program for practicing Physician Assistants*

### **A.T. Still University**

Home of the world's first osteopathic medical school, founded in 1892, A.T. Still University is a renowned healthcare education and training university and a leading educator in multidisciplinary healthcare founded on whole person care. ATSU comprises the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM), the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH), the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA), and the online School of Health Management (SHM).

### **Arizona School of Health Sciences**

The Arizona School of Health Sciences located in Mesa, Arizona, offers doctoral and Master of Science degrees in a wide range of healthcare disciplines and strives to advance healthcare by educating compassionate, competent healthcare professionals. The school's interdisciplinary and technology emphasis, with incorporation of a philosophy of wholeness and treatment of body, mind, and spirit, creates an excellent professional educational environment.

### **Advanced Physician Assistant Studies (APA) Master of Science**

The Advanced Physician Assistant program at the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS) offers the practicing physician assistant an opportunity to earn a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies via online education. A Bachelor Equivalency Option is also available. The curriculum has been designed for the PA who wishes to enhance their clinical skills and academic status while continuing to work as a PA. The didactic portion of the program is 100 percent online. Students may access their classes with weekly assignments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This distance education format allows for valuable interaction between faculty and students and assists them in achieving their educational objectives from the comfort and convenience of their own home. Students are required to interact with their classmates and faculty through discussion board postings and e-mail. The Advanced PA Program is affordable, convenient, and offers a supportive, high-quality learning experience specifically designed to meet the needs of the practicing physician assistant.

### **The Curriculum**

The Advanced Physician Assistant Program offers concentrations in Clinical Medicine or Education/Leadership. Students may begin their program of study at any quarter throughout the year and may complete the program in as little as one or two years. The program consists of courses designed to enhance the practicing physician assistant's knowledge and expertise. Both concentrations require 40 quarter credit hours of coursework. The curriculum includes: web-based instruction, directed readings, PowerPoint presentations, research, writing, email and discussion board postings. In addition to the didactic requirements, students in the Clinical Medicine concentration must document 400 hours of patient contact in the clinical practice setting.

### **Tuition and Expenses**

The tuition for this program for the 2011-2012 school year is \$350 per quarter credit hour. All tuition and fees are subject to change.

### **Financial Assistance**

Financial support, including private and federal loans, is available for students accepted into the Advanced Physician Assistant Studies Program. The Student Financial Assistance Office assists students in developing a comprehensive financial assistance package based on individual needs. Requests for information regarding loans and other financial assistance should be directed to [financialaid@atsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@atsu.edu).

## **Accreditation**

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences is accredited through The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602. Approved by: The Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education, 1400 W. Washington Rd., Room 260, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

## **Application Information**

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