

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

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2025 ENTERING CLASS

2,307

Applications received

27

Average age

302

Applicants interviewed

3.60

Average GPA

100

Class size

3.55

Average science GPA



COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PARTNERS

Community health centers (CHCs) are the nation's largest safety net providers of healthcare for the underserved. Select students may be assigned to complete their rotations at one of A.T. Still University's (ATSU) CHC partners.

Albany Area Primary Health Care
Albany, Georgia

Ampla Health
Yuba City, California

Camarena Health
Madera, California

Celebrating Life Community Health Center
Mission Viejo, California

Community Healthcare Center
Wichita Falls, Texas

Family Healthcare Network
Visalia, California

Golden Valley Health Centers
Merced, California

New Jersey Clinical Consortium
Passaic, New Jersey

Sun Life Family Health Center
Casa Grande, Arizona

Sunset Community Health Center
Yuma, Arizona

Teche Action Clinic
Franklin, Louisiana

United Community Health Center
Green Valley, Arizona

CURRICULUM

DIDACTIC YEAR (14 MONTHS)

- » Large-group lectures (*case studies, interactive clickers, and projects*)
- » Small-group labs working with other students and faculty to practice skills (*clinical skills, procedures, history taking, and physical exam*)
- » Curriculum delivered in mixed format
- » Standardized patient encounters
- » Didactic clinical experiences in Arizona include supervised clinical experience at emergency dental clinic, primary care, orthopedics, hearing and balance clinic, behavioral health, dermatology, gastroenterology, neurology, occupational and physical therapy clinic, and falls prevention training.
- » Work closely with preceptors and patients
- » Advance standing availability for ATSU's Doctor of Medical Science program

CLINICAL YEAR (12 MONTHS)

- » Eight four-week and two eight-week supervised clinical practice experiences at sites throughout Arizona or at CHC partners located across the U.S.
- » Clinical practice experience areas include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, women's health, general surgery, behavioral health, selectives, and elective.

PREREQUISITES

- » General Chemistry* (*min. 4 semester credits*)
- » Human Anatomy with lab* (*min. 4 semester credits*)
- » Human Physiology with lab* (*min. 4 semester credits*)
- » Microbiology* (*min. 3 semester credits*)
- » Biochemistry* (*min. 3 semester credits*)
- » Psychology (*min. 3 semester credits*)
- » College Statistics (*min. 3 semester credits*)
- » English Composition (*min. 3 semester credits*)
- » English elective (*min. 3 semester credits*)
- » Medical Terminology (*min. 1 semester or quarter hour*)
- » 500 hours of healthcare experience that involves patient contact (1,000 hours strongly recommended)
- » Minimum 100 community service hours (recommended)
- » Shadowing with a physician assistant (recommended)

If you have taken a combined Anatomy and Physiology course, you must have two or more semesters (each with lab).

**Recommended that course be completed within five years of application*

Please visit atsu.edu/pa-prereqs to view complete, detailed prerequisites.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For requirements and application information, please visit:

atsu.edu/pa-apply

STUDENT LIFE

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ACCREDITATION

A.T. Still University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, 230 S. LaSalle Street; Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, phone: 800.621.7440, fax: 312.263.7492, email: info@hlcommission.org, website: hlcommission.org. At its March 2024 meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) placed the Arizona School of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Program sponsored by A.T. Still University on Accreditation-Probation status until its next review in March 2026. Probation accreditation is a temporary accreditation status initially of not less than two years. However, that period may be extended by the ARC-PA for up to an additional two years if the ARC-PA finds that the program is making substantial progress toward meeting all applicable standards but requires additional time to come into full compliance. Probation accreditation status is granted, at the sole discretion of the ARC-PA, when a program holding an accreditation status of Accreditation - Provisional or Accreditation - Continued does not, in the judgment of the ARC-PA, meet the Standards or when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened. Once placed on probation, a program that fails to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and is subject to having its accreditation withdrawn. Specific questions regarding the Program and its plans should be directed to the Program Director and/or the appropriate institutional official(s).

Academic year 2025-26

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ATSU MISSION

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences serves as a learning-centered university dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs. The University is committed to continuing its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations.

ATSU NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

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