ATSU | Arizona School of Health Sciences

# Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Mesa, Arizona | **atsu.edu/pa-admissions**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A.T. Still University's (ATSU) Physician Assistant Studies program combines a dynamic didactic year with immersive clinical rotations. Students progress from foundational learning to real-world patient care through structured academic coursework and immersive clinical experiences across Arizona and partner community health centers (CHCs) nationwide.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PARTNERS

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 ATSU's CHC partners.

**Albany Area Primary Health Care**
Albany, Georgia

**Ampla Health**
Yuba City, California

**Camarena Health**
Madera, California

**Celebrating Life**
Mission Viejo, California

**Community Healthcare Center**
Wichita Falls, Texas

**Family Healthcare Network**
Visalia, California

**Golden Valley**
Merced, California

**New Jersey Clinical Consortium**
Passaic, New Jersey

**Sun Life Health**
Casa Grande, Arizona

**Teche Action Clinic**
Franklin, Louisana

## Contact ATSU Admissions

**660.626.2237**
**admissions@atsu.edu**
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**Schedule a meeting**
**atsuadmissions.youcanbook.me**

## Curriculum

**DIDACTIC YEAR** (14 MONTHS)

- Innovative and interactive lectures
- Small-group labs working with other students and faculty to practice skills
- 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.

**CLINICAL YEAR** (12 MONTHS)

- Eight six-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, and elective.

## Prerequisites

- General Chemistry* *(min. 4 semester/6 quarter credits)*
- Human Anatomy with lab* *(min. 4 semester/6 quarter credits)*
- Human Physiology with lab* *(min. 4 semester/6 quarter credits)*
- Microbiology* *(min. 3 semester/4 quarter credits)*
- Biochemistry* *(min. 3 semester/4 quarter credits)*
- Psychology *(min. 3 semester/4 quarter credits)*
- College Statistics *(min. 3 semester/4 quarter credits)*
- English Composition *(min. 6 semester/8 quarter credits)* or English composition and English elective
- 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.

## Averages

Data reflect a five-year average across the most recent reporting period.

- Cumulative GPA ..... 3.61
- Science GPA ..... 3.57
- Class size ..... 100

## Application information

For requirements and application information, please visit: **atsu.edu/pa-apply**

### 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
The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Arizona School of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Program sponsored by A.T. Still University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC- PA Standards.
Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be April 2034. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-a-t-still-az-school-of- health-sciences

# A.T. Still University 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.

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