



Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A.T. Still University's (ATSU) Central Coast Physician Assistant (CCPA) program prepares entry-level PAs for community-oriented primary care in just 24 months. Combining rigorous academics with hands-on clinical experience, the program equips students with the skills and compassion needed to serve diverse and medically underserved populations.



PROGRAM MISSION

ATSU's CCPA program educates culturally competent physician assistants from diverse backgrounds to serve the primary care needs of medically underserved communities. The program prefers applications from:

- First-generation college students
- Hometown Scholars
- Central Coast residents or applicants with a demonstrated connection to the region through residence, education, or employment (*Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, or Ventura Counties*)
- Economically disadvantaged students



COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PARTNERS

ATSU collaborates with community health centers and other healthcare partners to provide clinical experiences in medically underserved communities. Students complete supervised clinical practice experiences at sites across California and the U.S.

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Schedule a meeting
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Curriculum

DIDACTIC YEAR (12 MONTHS)

- Students spend first year at the San Luis Obispo campus
- Facilitated learning with case studies, interactive learning, and assignments

CLINICAL YEAR (12 MONTHS)

- Supervised clinical practice experiences occur at partner community health centers located in various parts of the U.S.
- Clinical practice experience areas include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, women's health, surgery, and behavioral health.

Prerequisites

Must have a grade of C or higher for all prerequisite courses:

- Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II with labs (*min. 8 semester/4 quarter credits*) *Note: 4/6 credit hours of anatomy with lab and 4/6 credit hours of physiology with lab may also be used to fulfill this requirement.*
- Microbiology with lab (*min. 4 semester/6 quarter credits*)
- General Chemistry I and II with labs (*min. 8 semester/12 quarter credits*)
- Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry (with or without lab) (*min. 3 semester/4 quarter credits*)
- Statistics (biostatistics or psychology stats accepted) (*3 semester/4 quarter credits*)
- Medical Terminology (*min. 1 semester/1 quarter credit*)
- No GRE required
- Applicants must have earned a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a university/college in the U.S. accredited by a U.S. Department of Education institutional accreditor by Sept. 1 of the year of matriculation. (*min. 3.0 cumulative and science GPA*)

All prerequisite courses must be completed within seven years of the application date.

Applicants may have up to two prerequisite courses in progress at the time of application.

To view complete, detailed admissions requirements and prerequisites, please visit: atsu.edu/ccpa-reqs

Recommended experience

Patient care experience: Experience in healthcare delivery sufficient to be able to recognize the physical and psychological demands of dealing with patients and to appreciate the challenges and rewards of being a healthcare professional

Volunteering and/or community service: Providing social services to underserved or disadvantaged communities and/or persons

Averages

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

- Cumulative GPA 3.28
- Science GPA 3.15
- Class size 90

Application information

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Accreditation

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the A.T. Still University of Health Sciences Central Coast 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 January 2036. 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 www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-at-still-university-central-coast

A.T. Still University mission

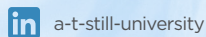
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences serves as a learning-centered university dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs. The University is committed to continuing its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community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

ATSU nondiscrimination policy

A.T. Still University (ATSU) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault (e.g., nonconsensual sexual contact/intercourse), stalking, harassment, and retaliation are forms of discrimination prohibited by ATSU.

Any person with questions concerning ATSU's Title IX compliance is directed to contact: John Gardner, Title IX and civil rights coordinator (660.626.2113; johngardner@atsu.edu), 800 W. Jefferson St., Kirksville, MO 63501. More information, including ATSU Policy No. 90-210: Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, may be found at atsu.edu/titleix.

In compliance with the Clery Act and Section 86 of Department of Education regulations, the University makes available to all prospective students, admitted students, and current students: ATSU's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASR) and Drug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program (DAMPP). The ASR may be found online at atsu.edu/security. The DAMPP may be found online at atsu.edu/dampp. Printed copies of each report may be requested from studentaffairs@atsu.edu.



ATSU offers programs in athletic training, audiology, biomedical sciences, dental medicine, health administration, health education, health sciences, medical science, nursing, occupational therapy, orthodontics, osteopathic medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, public health, and speech-language pathology.

