Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
Mesa, Arizona | atsu.edu/pa-admissions

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)
- Standardized patient encounters
- Didactic Clinical Experiences in Arizona include supervised clinical experiences performing elementary school physicals; emergency dental clinics; ear, nose, and throat clinics; care of the homeless and individuals rehabilitating from substance abuse; falls prevention training; and observation at the medical examiners office
- Work closely with preceptors and patients

CLINICAL YEAR (12 MONTHS)
- Eight six-week supervised clinical practice experiences at sites throughout Arizona or at a community health center partner located in various parts of the United States
- 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 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)
- 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)
- 1,000 hours of health care experience that involves patient contact
- GRE taken within five years

*Recommended that course be completed within five years

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

To view complete, detailed prerequisites, please visit atsu.edu/pa-prereqs

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

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PREREQUISITES
- Average science GPA: 3.54
- Average GPA: 3.58
- Average age: 26
- Class size: 70
- 2019 ENTERING CLASS
- Applications received: 2,071
- Applicants interviewed: 326
- Admitted: 26
- 96% first time pass rate for the class of 2019

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PARTNERS
Community health centers 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 our community health center partners.

Albany Area Primary Health Care
Albany, Georgia

Community Health Centers of the Central Coast
San Luis Obispo, California

Family Healthcare Network
Visalia, California

Camarena Health
Madera, California

Teche Action Clinic
Franklin, Louisiana

Morton Comprehensive Health Services
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Sunset Community Health Center
Yuma, Arizona

Community Healthcare Center
Wichita Falls, Texas

MHC Healthcare
Marana, AZ

Mountain Park Health Center
Phoenix, AZ

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