## ATSU | Arizona School of Health Sciences

# **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies**

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#### **2019 ENTERING CLASS**

2,071

Applications received

**326** 

Applicants interviewed

70

Class size

26

Average age

3.58

Average GPA

3.54

Average science GPA



# 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

96%

Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam first time pass rate for the class of 2019

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### **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)
   1000 hours of health care experience that involve
- » 1,000 hours of health care experience that involves patient contact
- » GRE taken within five years

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

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

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

For requirements and application information, please visit:

atsu.edu/pa-apply

## STUDENT LIFE

ATSU has many organizations for students on our campuses. For more information, please visit: atsu.edu/mesa-life

#### **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. ncahlc.org The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Physician Assistant Program sponsored by A.T. Still University Arizona School of Health Sciences. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with

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 valib be March 2024. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.