

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

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2022 ENTERING CLASS

1,999

Applications received

26

Average age

300

Applicants interviewed

3.54

Average GPA

70*

Class size

3.58

Average science GPA

*The class size for the 2023 entering class will be 100.



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 our community health center partners.

Albany Area Primary Health Care
Albany, Georgia

Family Healthcare Network
Visalia, California

Camarena Health
Madera, California

Teche Action Clinic
Franklin, Louisiana

Sun Life Family Health Center
Casa Grande, Arizona

Rural Health Group
Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

Advance Community Health
Raleigh, North Carolina

Community Healthcare Center
Wichita Falls, Texas

OIC
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Canyonlands Healthcare
Safford, Globe, & Page, Arizona

96%

Five-year Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam first-time pass rate.

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 experiences performing elementary school physicals; emergency dental clinics; ear, nose, and throat clinics; care of the homeless and individuals rehabilitating from substance misuse; falls prevention training; and observation at the medical examiner's office
- » Work closely with preceptors and patients
- » Early entry availability for the Doctor of Medical Science program

CLINICAL YEAR (12 MONTHS)

- » Eight six-week supervised clinical practice experiences at sites throughout Arizona or at a CHC partner located in various parts of 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 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*)
- » 1,000 hours of healthcare experience that involves patient contact

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

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

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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 with a commitment to continue its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations.

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