

Physician Assistant Programs in CA

PA Program	Keck/ USC School of Medicine	Loma Linda University	Samuel Merritt College	Touro University CA Program	Western University
Website	www.usc.edu/schools/medicine	www.llu.edu	www.samuelmerritt.edu	www.tu.edu	www.westernu.edu
Length of Program	33 Months	24 Months	28 Months	32 Months	24 Months
Degree Offered	Masters	Masters	Masters	Masters- joint MPA/ MPH	Masters
Class Size	40-45	26	36	40	98
Minimum GPA	2.7 minimum;	3.0 science, 3.0 cum.	3.0 science, 3.0 cum.	2.9 science, 2.9 cum.	2.7 Overall, Science and Pre-req.
Direct Patient Care Experience	No minimum; Strongly Recommended, community service req.	Req. 1 year or 2000 hrs. documented experience	Recommended: 1000 hours is competitive	Recommended: Experience or community service	No minimum; emphasize community service
Selection factors	GRE or MCAT scores	Seventh Day Adventist/ Christian Perspective		Underserved populations	
Letters of Recommendation	3 required	3 required- 1 practicing PA or Physician	3 required- 1 health professional	2 required- 1 clinician	Consult Admissions Office
Pre- Requisite Courses- A & P	1 semester w/ lab of: Human Anatomy Human Physiology	1 semester w/ lab of: Human Anatomy Human Physiology	1 semester w/ lab of: Human Anatomy Human Physiology	1 semester w/ lab of: Human Anatomy Human Physiology	1 semester w/ lab of: Human Anatomy Human Physiology
Chemistry	2 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab	2 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab	2 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab	2 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab	2 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab
Microbiology	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab
Biology	2 sem. Bio. w/ lab		1 sem. Bio. w/ lab	2 sem. Bio. w/ lab	1 sem. Genetics
Math	1 sem. Statistics	1 sem. Algebra	1 sem. Statistics	Calculus recommended	1 sem. Algebra
Psychology	1 sem. Psychology	1 sem. Psychology		1 sem. Psychology	1 sem. Psychology
Sociology/ Anthro.		1 Sociology or Anthro.		1 Sociology or Anthro.	1 sem. Sociology
Add'l req./ GE	1 year English	1 year English	1 sem. Organic Chem		2 sem. English
	1 year Spanish Lang.				1 sem. Statistics
		Recommend: Med. Term., Stats, Computer Literacy			3 sem. Humanities

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PA Program	Charles Drew Univ.	Riverside Community College	San Joaquin Valley College	Stanford University	UC Davis
Website	www.cdrewu.edu	www.rcc.edu/academicPrograms/pa	www.sjvc.edu/programs/pa2.php	http://pcap.stanford.edu	www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/fnppa
Length of Program	24 months	24 Months	24 Months	16 Months	24 Months
Degree Offered	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate
Class Size	50	28	20	50	60
Minimum GPA	2.5 cum.	2.7 in Science, 2.5 overall	2.5 minimum	C or better in Pre-reqs.	no minimum- 2.7 or higher recommended
Direct Patient Care Experience	Req. 100 min. hours in medical health care setting	2000 hours documented experience	Required: 2000 hours required (paid or volunteer)	Required: by application deadline 3,000 direct patient care experience	Highly Recommended: 2 years documented experience
Selection factors	Underserved populatons	RCC students, RC Res., CA Res.	Underserved Populations	Underserved Populations	Underserved populations
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Chemistry	2 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab	1 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab	1 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab	1 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab (or 1 yr. HS)	1 sem. Gen. Chem. w/ lab (or HS Chem)
Microbiology	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab	1 sem. Microbiology w/ lab
Biology	1 sem. Bio. w/ lab				
Math	1 sem. Alg. Or Calc.	1 sem. Algebra	1 sem. Algebra	1 sem. Algebra	1 sem Algebra
Psychology	1 sem. Psychology	1 sem. Psychology	1 sem. Psychology	1 sem. Psychology	1 sem. Psychology
Sociology/ Anthro.	1 Sociology and Anthro.	1 Sociology or Anthro.	1 Sociology or Anthro.	1 sem. Sociology or Anthro.	1 Sociology or Anthro.
Add'l req./ GE	1 semester each of:	1 sem. English	1 sem. English	1 sem. of English	1 sem. English
	Spanish, Speech	1 sem. Physics w/ lab	1 sem. Speech		
	English, Crit. Think (Phil dept. only)				