

Physician Assistant Programs in California

Below is a snapshot of information and admissions requirements for PA programs in California. Please note that requirements are subject to change. Check all program websites before applying.

Name of Program	Location	Class Size	Degree Awarded	Health Care Experience Hours	GRE	CASPA Deadline	Start Date	Program Length	AP Credit	Degree Required by:	Pre-Reqs Complete By:	Rolling Admissions?
California Baptist University	Riverside	30	Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies	Recommended	No	January 15	September	24 months	Acceptable for Math and English requirements.	December 31 of Application Year	December 31 of Application Year	No
Chapman University	Irvine	2017: 25 2018: 35 2019+: 50	Master of Medical Sciences in Physician Assistant Studies	1,000 hours required	Yes	October 1	January	24 months	Acceptable for exam scores of 4 or 5.	By Matriculation.	By Matriculation.	Yes
Charles R. Drew University	Los Angeles	26	Master of Health Science	2,000 hours preferred	No	January 15	August	27 months	Not specified.	By Matriculation.	2 Pre-Reqs Pending; Complete by 5/30	Yes
Loma Linda University	Loma Linda	36	Master of Physician Assistant	2,000 hours required	No	October 1	September	24 months	Acceptable for the College Algebra and English requirements.	By December 31 of Application Year	2 Pre-Reqs Pending; Complete by Spring Quarter of Matriculation Year	Yes
Marshall B. Ketchum University	Fullerton	40	Master of Medical Science	1,000 hours required	No	November 1	August	27 months	Acceptable for Psychology and Statistics requirement.	By September 1 (Early Consideration) By November 1 (Regular Consideration)	By September 1 (Early Consideration) By November 1 (Regular Consideration)	Yes
Samuel Merritt University	Oakland	44	Master Physician Assistant	1,000 hours recommended	No	October 1	September	27 months	Not specified.	By Submission.	By Submission.	No
Southern California University of Health Professions	Whittier	26	Master of Science: Physician Assistant	500 hours required	No	January 15	August	28 months	Not accepted.	August 31 of Matriculation Year	January 15 of Matriculation Year	No
Stanford University	Palo Alto	50	Master of Science in PA Studies	500 hours required	Yes	November 1	August	30 months	Not accepted.	By Matriculation.	General Pre-Reqs By Submission; 3 Upper Div Units by Matriculation	Yes
Touro University, California	Vallejo	44	Joint MSPAS-MPH: Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies & Master of Public Health	500 hours required; 1,000 hours recommended	No	November 1	August	33 months	Specific subject credit or specific course credit acceptable.	By Submission.	By Submission.	Yes
University of California, Davis	Sacramento	65	Master of Health Services in Physician Assistant Studies	1,000 hours required	No	July 15	Summer	27 months	Not accepted.	By Submission.	By Submission.	No
University of Southern California	Alhambra	60	Master of Physician Assistant Practice	Recommended	Yes	November 1	Fall	33 months	Acceptable for English requirement	June 30 of Matriculation Year	Science Pre-Reqs: By Submission Non-Science Pre-Reqs: Spring of Matriculation Year	No
University of the Pacific	Sacramento	45	Master of Physician Assistant Studies	1,000 hours required	No	March 1	January	27 months	Not acceptable for science requirements.	By Submission.	By Submission.	Semi-Rolling
Western University of Health Sciences	Pomona	98	Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies	Recommended	No	November 1	August	24 month	Not accepted.	June 15 of Matriculation Year	1 Science and 1 Non-Science can be in progress; complete by June 15 of Matriculation Year	No