Western University
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The College of Health Sciences Welcomes the Future PA Class of 2026

Important Accreditation Information

At its **March 2023** meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) placed the **Western University of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Western University of Health Sciences** on Accreditation-Probation status until its next review in March 2025.

Probation accreditation is a temporary accreditation status initially of not less than two years. However, that period may be extended by the ARC-PA for up to an additional two years if the ARC-PA finds that the program is making substantial progress toward meeting all applicable standards but requires additional time to come into full compliance. Probation accreditation status is granted, at the sole discretion of the ARC-PA, when a program holding an accreditation status of Accreditation - Provisional or Accreditation - Continued does not, in the judgment of the ARC-PA, meet the Standards or when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened.

Once placed on probation, a program that fails to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and is subject to having its accreditation withdrawn.

Specific questions regarding the Program and its plans should be directed to the Program Director and/or the appropriate institutional official(s).

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at https://www.arc-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Accreditation-History-Western-U-of-HS.pdf.

It's critical for applicants to be aware that since our accreditor, ARC-PA, has changed the program's accreditation status from "continuing" to "probation" and, as a condition of this action, it's possible that ARC-PA may restrict our ability to matriculate a new class into our program in Fall 2024.

Although we are currently accepting and considering applications for the Fall 2024 class in MSPAS, **we are not yet certain that ARC-PA will authorize our program to seat a class in Fall 2024**. We are working diligently with ARC-PA to upgrade our accreditation status in order to make this possible. Please review our MSPAS Accreditation Information for further details regarding how this may impact you as an applicant.

Western University of Health Sciences Overview

Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) is a non-profit, independent, academic health center, founded as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in 1977. Located on 22 acres in Pomona, California, 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles in the Pomona Valley, the founding mission of the institution was to educate primary care osteopathic physicians for the western United States. Over the past five decades, WesternU has preserved and enhanced its mission, expanding it to include educational programs in the health sciences, pharmacy, graduate nursing, veterinary medicine, optometry, dentistry, and podiatric medicine.

The PA program started in 1990 with a class of six students. Today the program admits a class of 98 students each year and many alumni are working in every medical specialty. In 2003, the university welcomed the first class of 86 students to its College of Veterinary Medicine, the first and only college of veterinary medicine in Southern California. In 2009, Western University added three new colleges: College of Dental Medicine, College of Optometry, and College of Podiatric Medicine.

Currently, the mission of WesternU is to produce, in a humanistic tradition, health care professionals and biomedical knowledge that will enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities. Within a learner-centered environment, the University encourages lifelong learning, supports faculty and student scholarly activities, provides patient care in support of clinical training, and enhances the quality of life in the region through community service. More than 1,400 students are studying each year to become health care professionals at one of the eight colleges of WesternU.

Program Mission and Vision

The Department of PA Education supports the University's mission by educating physician assistant students to deliver high quality, competent, and compassionate health care as team members within the health care delivery system.

Program Vision

Western University of Health Sciences will be greatly respected and nationally recognized as an innovative leader in PA education. Our faculty will continue to be leaders in our profession as educators and clinicians. Our faculty will continue to educate a diverse student body who will provide compassionate and comprehensive primary care medicine.

The program will continue to foster student attributes that will enhance their role as effective health care professionals.

Our students, graduates and faculty will continue to serve in key leadership positions on a local, state and national level, to influence the future of the physician assistant profession, while striving to continue personal and professional development. Physicians and health care delivery teams will seek our graduates. Through these partnerships, comprehensive patient care will be accessible for all populations.

Program Competencies

Medical Knowledge (MK):
Graduates of the WesternU PA program will be able to apply comprehensive knowledge of biologic and clinical sciences to provide acute, chronic, urgent, and emergent, patient-centered care to include women's health, prenatal care, and care across the life span (infants, children, adolescents, adult, and the elderly).

Interpersonal and Communication Skills (ICS):
Graduates of the WesternU PA program will be able to communicate effectively with patients, families and health team members, incorporating cultural humility and compassion to build meaningful therapeutic and interprofessional relationships.

Clinical and Technical Skills (CTS):
Graduates of the WesternU PA program will be able to demonstrate the clinical and technical skills required to provide age-appropriate assessment, evaluation and management of patients.

Clinical Reasoning and Problem Solving (CRPS):
Graduates of the WesternU PA program will be able to analyze and synthesize relevant clinical, diagnostic, cultural, and contextual information in order to diagnose and manage patients across the lifespan (prenatal, infant, children, adolescents, adult, and the elderly).

Professional Behaviors (PB):
Graduates of the WesternU PA program will be able to demonstrate integrity, deep understanding of the practice environment, and a commitment to lifelong learning that enables them to provide high quality, equitable care for individuals and communities.

Retention Rates

ARC-PA Student Attrition TEMPLATE

	Graduated Classes		
	Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Maximum entering class size (as approved by ARC-PA)	98	98	98
Entering class size	98	98	98
Graduates	95	91	95
* **Attrition rate**	3%	7%	3%
** **Graduation rate**	97%	93%	97%

NCCPA
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Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination
Exam Performance Summary Report

Program Name: Western University of Health Sciences

Program Number: 1073

Test Taker Status: All Test Takers

Definitions of the report headings are provided at the end of the report.
All information is current as of the date the report was generated unless otherwise specified.

Class	Class Graduation Year	Group	Number of Candidates Who Took PANCE	Number of Exam Attempts	Number of Exams Passed	Program Exam Pass Rate	National Exam Pass Rate for the Class Graduation Year	% of Candidates Who Ultimately Passed PANCE
July 2018	2018	All Takers	96	100	95	95%	97%	99%
		First Time Takers	96	96	94	98%	98%	99%
July 2019	2019	All Takers	93	116	92	79%	91%	99%
		First Time Takers	93	93	79	85%	93%	99%
July 2020	2020	All Takers	95	106	94	89%	93%	99%
		First Time Takers	95	95	86	91%	95%	99%
July 2021	2021	All Takers	91	104	90	87%	91%	99%
		First Time Takers	91	91	84	92%	93%	99%
July 2022	2022	All Takers	94	117	89	76%	89%	95%
		First Time Takers	94	94	75	80%	92%	95%

The Interview Process

Interviews at WesternU are meant to be an exchange of information in a welcoming environment. It is an experience that is to be both positive and enjoyable for applicants. Our interviews are never meant to be threatening nor confrontational in any way. Applicants have been selected by the admissions committee because they exemplify those qualities that we feel are important in the health care professionals whom we educate.

We understand that the applicants are also making choices regarding the professional school that they will attend. Our goal is to inform the applicants of the educational programs provided to assist them, the state of the art facilities that are available to the applicants, and demonstrate to potential students that we are "living our values" so that we are here for our students and for each other. This is what makes WesternU a special place to learn.

General Applicant Information

- We receive approximately 1,800 applications and expect to conduct approximately 400 interviews to fill a class of 98 students.
- Interviews will be conducted November 2023 – March 2024.

Orientation

The interview day has been organized to allow candidates to obtain information on the university, our program, student life, and support services; therefore, we encourage you to watch the pre-recorded videos found on our Online Interview website.

Interview

- The average interview is approximately 20 minutes. Candidates are asked questions and will not have an opportunity to discuss their application or desire to become a PA. This information was provided in the application.
- The interview panels may be comprised of the following: admissions committee member, faculty member, local PAs, university administration, and/or current student/alumni of WesternU.

Admissions Decisions

- Following the interview, applicants are placed in one of three categories: Accept, Alternate, or Not Accepted.
- Candidates are notified by e-mail of the committee's decision. **Status notification for all categories will be e-mailed by late March.** If you have not received notification of your status by mid-March, please feel free to contact the Admissions office. We cannot provide status information by phone or by email. Candidates must wait for the official e-mail to be sent by the program to learn of any changes to their status.
- A satisfactory background check, updated official transcripts, history & physical information, and titer results are required of all accepted students prior to orientation week.
- Applicants selected as alternates may be offered a seat in the class as late as the week before orientation (late July/early August).

Questions

If you have questions regarding your application, please contact your Admissions Counselor by phone or email (please refer to page 20 for contact information).

Accept Status Information

Deposit

For PA applicants accepted to WesternU, the acceptance deposit is **$1,000**, payable in two payments. The first deposit of $500 is due within two weeks after notification of acceptance. The remaining $500 is due within two weeks after payment of the first deposit. The exception is for those accepted in late July and/or early August. In this case, the full $1,000 deposit is due within 24 hours of our making the offer. **This deposit is non-refundable.**

In Progress Coursework & Degree

ALL prerequisite coursework in progress must be completed by the end of the Spring term, or June 15th at the latest, prior to matriculation. Summer courses just prior to matriculation will **not** be accepted. If you have prerequisite coursework in progress, and are accepted to the PA program, your acceptance will be contingent upon successful completion of ALL prerequisite courses and admissions requirements.

Health Clearance

A current history and physical along with the results of a TB test or chest x-ray must be completed within six months prior to matriculation. We will also need titer results for MMR, varicella, and Hepatitis B along with a current diphtheria, tetanus, and adult pertussis vaccine. It is strongly recommended that you schedule an appointment for your physical examination, titers, and any necessary immunizations as soon as you receive your letter of acceptance.

Additionally, upon acceptance into the program, you will be required to complete a criminal background check and may be required to take a urine drug test in order to meet State regulations and hospital accreditation requirements.

All required updated transcripts and health clearance documentation must be received no later than June 1st. For those admitted after July 1st, all items will be due within 24-48 hours of being made an offer. Failure to complete the admissions and pre-matriculation requirements will result in the delay of your registration, financial aid, and/or rescindment of your acceptance.

If you have any questions, please check with the Admissions office.

International Students

International students and any other applicants, who are not US citizens and are living in the US, should be prepared to provide proof of legal US residency at the time of interview. Proof of legal US residency is required prior to any offer of acceptance. For more information please visit our international student web site or contact the Designated School Official (see Administrative Contacts on page 15).

Alternate Status Information

Alternate candidates may be offered a seat from the time the alternate letter is received until the week before orientation week (late July/early August). An electronic response from you, when you first learn of your alternate status, is all that is required for you to remain in consideration. If you should accept a seat elsewhere, please notify us **in writing by email** as soon as possible so that we may remove you from the alternate list. Be advised that second interviews are not granted.

The alternate status will remain unchanged until notified in writing from the Admissions Office.

Applicants placed as alternates may or may not be offered a seat for the upcoming entering class. **Please note that alternate candidates are not numbered or ranked**. The alternate status **remains unchanged until an offer of acceptance is made by WesternU.** If you are placed on the alternate list, and you would like suggestions on how to improve your application for the next application cycle, you are encouraged to review the competitive candidate profile on the prospective student website. In addition, suggestions on how to improve your application do not guarantee an interview and/or acceptance to the MSPA Program. Admissions counselors do not have details regarding why you were not chosen initially for a seat in the class. For that reason, they are unable to provide specific recommendations on how to improve. Should an alternate be made an offer of acceptance in July, candidates are required to provide all official transcripts, health clearance documents, and request a background check **within 24-48 hours after the offer of acceptance is made**. Failure to provide such documents will result in a rescindment of offer.

Candidates unsuccessful in gaining admission will be notified, via e-mail, by the end of August.

If You Are Not Offered an Acceptance

If you are not offered an acceptance, and you would like suggestions on how to improve your application for the next application cycle, you are encouraged to review the competitive candidate profile on the prospective student website. In addition, suggestions on how to improve your application do not guarantee an interview and/or acceptance to the MSPA Program. Admissions counselors do not have details regarding why you were not chosen initially for a seat in the class. For that reason, they are unable to provide specific recommendations on how to improve.

Remember to check our website for new application deadline dates and any changes in program prerequisites.

Western University of Health Sciences Catalog

You may access the University Catalog online. It is presented as a pdf file so you may need to download Acrobat Reader to access the catalog.

To ease download times for viewing, we have broken up the catalog into major sections – mostly by academic program. There is a general university section (Overview) at the start and a listing of the Board of Trustees, Administration, and Faculty at the end. Also, with the advent of an online catalog, the information contained in the Student Handbook has been incorporated into the catalog. University Academic Policies and Procedures are contained as a section within each program component.

Curriculum Organization

Year 1

Phase I, First Year, Fall Semester		
Course	**Title**	**Credit Hours**
IPE 5000	Patient Centered Cases I	1.00
PA 5005	Medical Terminology	1.00
PA 5010	Structure & Function I	3.00
PA 5020	Clinical Skills I	1.50
PA 5030	Physical Assessment I	2.50
PA 5040	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention I	2.50
PA 5050	Introduction to Adult Medicine	3.50
PA 5060	Pharmacology and Therapeutics I	2.50
PA 5100	Pediatrics I	1.50
PA 5170	Pathophysiology I	1.50
	Semester Total:	**20.50**
Phase I, First Year, Spring Semester		
Course	**Title**	**Credit Hours**
IPE 5100	Patient Centered Cases	1.00
PA 5011	Structure & Function II	3.00
PA 5021	Clinical Skills II	2.50
PA 5031	Physical Assessment II	2.50
PA 5041	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention II	1.50
PA 5051	Introduction to Adult Medicine II	3.50
PA 5061	Pharmacology and Therapeutics II	2.50
PA 5070A	Psychosocial Dynamics	0.00
PA 5101	Pediatrics II	1.50
PA 5110A	OB/GYN	0.00
PA 5171	Pathophysiology II	1.50
HSCI 5206	Research Methods II	2.50
	Semester Total:	**22.00**
Phase I, First Year, Summer Semester		
Course	**Title**	**Credit Hours**
PA 5070B	Psychosocial Dynamics	2.50
PA 5110B	OB/GYN	2.50
PA 5120	Geriatrics	2.50
PA 5130	Emergency Medicine	2.50
PA 5140	Professional Roles & Responsibilities	1.50
PA 5160	Health Care Delivery System	1.50
PA 5180	Introduction to Clinical Education	1.00
	Semester Total:	**14.00**
	First Year Total:	**56.50**

Year 2

Phase II, Second Year, Fall Semester		
Course	**Title**	**Credit Hours**
PA 6020	Senior Seminar I	2.50
###	Clinical Rotations (4 rotations)	12.00
PA 6970	Applied Clinical Project I	1.00
	Semester Total:	**15.50**
Phase II, Second Year, Spring Semester		
Course	**Title**	**Credit Hours**
PA 6030	Senior Seminar II	2.50
###	Clinical Rotations (4 rotations)	12.00
PA 6980	Applied Clinical Project II	1.00
	Semester Total:	**15.50**
Phase III, Second Year, Summer Semester		
Course	**Title**	**Credit Hours**
PA 6040	Senior Seminar III	1.50
###	Clinical Rotations (3 rotations)	9.00
PA 6990	Applied Clinical Project III	4.00
	Semester Total:	**14.50**
	Second Year Total:	**45.50**
	Program Total:	**102.00**

Clinical Experiences

As a WesternU-Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies student, you will get opportunities to work with patients, enabling you to apply what you're learning in class. Simulated patient experiences offer you an opportunity to interact with patients while faculty observe and provide feedback on your interactions and communication skills. You will also gain valuable clinical experience in club and volunteer settings while on campus.

During your second year (3 semesters including summer) you will complete 11 months of rotations geared toward primary care with opportunities for electives in other areas of medicine.

Required Rotations	Selective Rotations (partial listing)
• Family Medicine/Common Psychiatry • Emergency Medicine • Internal Medicine • General Surgery • Pediatrics • Prenatal Care and Women's Health • Primary Care I (family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, or women's health) • Primary Care II (family practice, emergency medicine, urgent care, community health, internal medicine subspecialty)	• Orthopedics • Oncology • Infectious Disease • Cardiology • Cardiothoracic Surgery • Rheumatology • Dermatology • Endocrinology • Occupational Medicine • Neurology • Otolaryngology

• Primary Care III (family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, community health, geriatrics, women's health, urgent care) • Selective I • Selective II	

Rotation Sites

We proudly offer our students more than 500 rotation sites in a variety of settings, including one of the largest county hospitals in the nation: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, CA. Additional sites include:

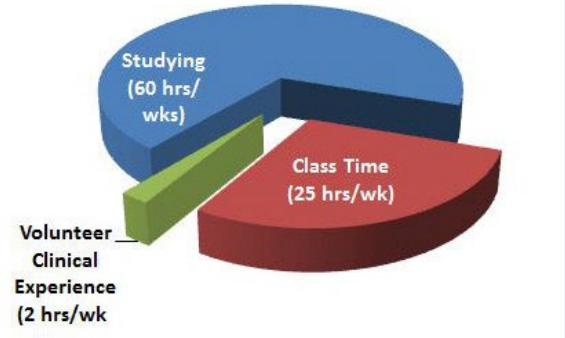
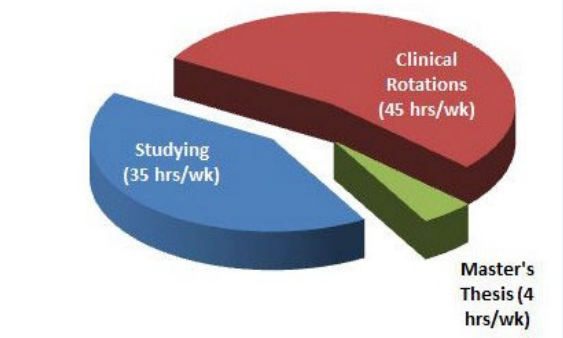
Emanate Health, Covina, CA
Kaiser Permanente Numerous Southern California Sites
Childrens Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA
St. Bernadine Medical Center, San Bernardino, CA
Los Alamitos Medical Center, Los Alamitos, CA
Riverside University Health System
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

In addition to hospital settings, you will receive clinical education in community clinics, rehabilitation centers, inner city offices, private offices and underserved areas. Should you so desire, you can also work with the clinical coordinator to generate your own rotation site.

Working While in the Program

Working is not recommended during the two-year PA program as it will interfere with didactic and clinical education.

A Week in the Life of a Physician Assistant Student

First Year **(87 hrs/wk)**	Second Year **(84 hrs/wk)**
	

First Year

Class Time: The majority of your class time is spent in lecture and clinical labs. You will develop and fine-tune your clinical and critical thinking skills in lecture and laboratory experiences.
Studying: Studying often consists of application and synthesis of information contained in lectures, handouts, class notes, case studies, and assigned reading.
Volunteer Clinical Experience: You will have the opportunity to gain clinical experience throughout the year in club and volunteer settings. Chances are you will work with WesternU students from other programs to provide care to disadvantaged patients in the Pomona area. Please note, this experience has been curtailed by the COVID pandemic.

Second Year

Clinical Rotations: In the second year you will work with site preceptors, rotating through different clinics and hospitals. With 11 months of rotations and more than 500 established rotation sites, you can gain experience in a variety of settings with a primary care focus. Rotations can include performing procedures as well as monthly lectures to keep you up to date on current events and techniques.
Studying: While focusing on clinical rotations, you will continue to read, research topics covered in your rotations, and return to campus for senior semester exams 4 times each semester.
Master's Thesis: Your master's thesis involves collaborating with other students to complete a thorough research and writing project while completing your clinical rotations. Many group members use the internet to share their research, as they may be located in distant cities during their rotations.

Non-Academic Time
For long weekends or during spring and winter breaks, you can go home to see your family, ski, or maybe take a trip to Las Vegas. There are many cultural and recreational things to do when you live in Southern California, so our students try to take advantage of them when they can.

Personal Competencies for Admission and Matriculation

A candidate for admission to the PA program must possess, or be able to achieve through a reasonable accommodation, certain sensory and motor functions, that would enable the individual to carry out the activities described in the sections that follow. Upon matriculation to the program, the student must continue to possess, or be able to achieve through reasonable accommodation, the personal competencies outlined below throughout their progression in the PA program. Graduation from the program signifies that the individual is prepared for entry into clinical practice or into postgraduate training programs. Therefore, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of diagnostic and therapeutic care. The candidate must be able to integrate - consistently, quickly, and accurately - all information received by whatever sense(s) are employed. In addition, they must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

This program requires the performance of specific essential functions, which include, but are not limited to, the following: observation; communication; motor; intellectual, conceptual, integrative, and quantitative; and behavioral and social.

For candidates or students who require a reasonable accommodation to meet the competencies outlined below, please contact the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy ([HF]CDHP) at Disability Accommodations (e-mail) or (909) 469-5297 or visit the [HF]CDHP web site.
Under all circumstances, a candidate or student should be able to perform the following in a reasonably independent manner, with or without reasonable accommodation:

Observation

Candidates and students ordinarily must have sufficient vision to be able to observe demonstrations, experiments, and laboratory exercises. They must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand.

Communication

Candidates and students must be able to communicate sensitively in English, orally and in writing, with patients, family members, and colleagues. Candidates and students must be able to interpret communication of others effectively. They must possess functional hearing. Candidates and students must also be able to recognize and respond to soft voices or voices under protective garb, auditory timers, equipment/emergency alarms, joint noises, and to use devices for the measurement of vital signs, cardiac, and breathe sounds effectively. Candidates and students must be able to read, write, and speak English.

Motor

Candidates and students should have sufficient motor function such that they are able to execute movements reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients. Examples of emergency treatment reasonably required of PAs are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, administration of intravenous medication, application of pressure to stop bleeding, opening of obstructed airways, suturing of simple wounds, performance of simple obstetrical maneuvers, and movement of patients. These actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium, and functional use of the senses of touch, hearing, and vision.

Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities

These abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and synthesis. Problem solving, the critical intellectual skill demanded of a physician assistant, requires all these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures.

Behavioral and Social Abilities

Candidates and students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of the intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the assessment and care of patients, and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients. Candidates and students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads, adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, and interest, motivation, and professionalism are all personal qualities to be assessed during the admissions and educational processes.

Ethical Standards

Candidates and students must demonstrate the ability to reason morally and practice as a PA in a professional and ethical manner with patients, families, and other health care workers as well as with faculty, staff, and peers.

Overview of the WesternU Financial Aid Process

Welcome! The information below is to provide you with a quick overview on how financial aid is processed at our office. Please visit our website at https://www.westernu.edu/financial/, which has a lot of useful information.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at finaid@westernu.edu. We look forward to assisting you!

Applying for Aid –

THE PROCESS

Step 1: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for submission annually each October 1st.
- Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
- This FSA ID is used to sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. If you have an existing FSA ID, you are not required to create another one.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - https://fafsa.ed.gov/
- Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) school code is 024827
- When completing the FAFSA application, transfer your federal tax information from two years ago (Prior-Prior Year).

Step 2: Review Student Budget/Cost of Attendance

- Student Budgets/Cost of Attendance are subject to change and costs vary each year.
- See page 3 for details

Step 3: Requirements

- Once admitted to the University, an email from our office will be sent to your WesternU email account. This email will instruct you to login to your Student Portal to complete the listed requirements prior to disbursement of loan funds. Once requirements are completed, your financial aid offer will be emailed to your WesternU email account.

Step 4: Financial Aid Offer

Packaging and Award Policy

- Students at WesternU are packaged and awarded as independent graduate students. There are no Grants available to graduate students. Resources such as gift aid, scholarships, Military and the National Health Service Corps will be taken into consideration first when packaging and awarding students.
- All eligible students are then awarded in the unsubsidized loan and the balance in the Grad PLUS loan to meet the maximum of their budget. Students are awarded the maximum allowable in the Federal Direct Loan program's as per their program and the Department of Education.
- Outside scholarships are available! Please visit https://www.westernu.edu/financial/financial-scholarships/ for more details.

Loans

- Graduate professional students are eligible to borrow federal loans up to the cost of attendance minus other financial aid from the Department of Education (ED) and/or non-Department of Education lenders referred to as an Alternative loan.

Alternative Loan

- Eligible students are International, DACA, and those eligible to borrow ED loans.
- International students must secure a U.S. Citizen co-signer to obtain funding.
- Requires a credit check and is based on credit worthiness. Unlike ED's Loan program, approval is not guaranteed. The lending institutions determine interest rates of which there is no cap. Some lenders may charge an origination fee. Alternative loans may not have deferment/forbearance as an option.

Step 5: Disbursements Schedule

- Disbursement schedules are based on the student's program enrollment terms (fall and spring or fall, spring, and summer terms).
- The financial aid amount you've accepted will be disbursed to your Student Account. Loan funds will first be used to pay for tuition and fees and then the remainder of it will be deposited to your checking account.
- To view your disbursement schedule, please Login to your Student Portal.

Step 6: Meet with a Financial Aid Counselor

- Students who are borrowing ED loans for the first time at Western University of Health Sciences will receive an email with instructions to schedule their 30-45-minute mandatory New Student Information (NSI) Financial Aid group meeting.

Financial Aid Student Budgets are Subject to Change

- Information is updated annually at the end of March.
- Please visit https://www.westernu.edu/financial/financial-budgets/ for details.

2023/2024 Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Budget		
Tuition and Fees	**First Year (12 Months)**	**Second Year (11 Months)**
Tuition	$48,891	$48,891
Student Body Fees	$40	$20
Graduation Fees	$0	$350
Exam Soft	$61	$61
SEP/Medical Equipment (cost subject to change)	$1,189	$0
Total Fees	**$50,181**	**$49,321**
Budget Items/Estimated Costs	**First Year (12 Months)**	**Second Year (11 Months)**
Books & Supplies	$1,945	N/A
Living Expenses	$22,453	$20,592
Misc. Personal Expense	$7,469	$6,847
Transportation	$4,141	$9,937
PANCE Board Exam	N/A	$550
Background Check	$60	$60
CPR	N/A	$90
Drug Screen	$40	$40
Total Budget Components	**$28,639**	**$31,269**
Loan Fees	**First Year (12 Months)**	**Second Year (11 Months)**
Direct Unsubsidized Loan Fees	$217	$217
Grad Plus Loan Fee	$2,791	$2,839
Total Loan Fees	**$3,008**	**$3,056**
Total Budget	**$81,534**	**$81,045**

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at finaid@westernu.edu. We look forward to assisting you!

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AFFAIRS – SUPPORT SERVICES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) http://www.westernu.edu/lead/lead-about/
The LEAD office is student-oriented. It serves as an important resource, partnership and support system for students. LEAD counselors are dedicated to assist students in developing their academic, professional and personal skills.

Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP)
This program offers supplemental group academic instruction for **students.** Instruction is facilitated by trained competent peer tutors.

Academic Counseling
In one-on-one academic counseling sessions, students can improve their competencies in a range of areas, including: study strategies, test taking, focus and retention, time management, stress management, academic writing skills and more. Each session is designed to address the student's particular learning style, with the help of basic assessments. Students can schedule as many sessions as needed.

Wellbeing
The initiative consists of Wellbeing workshops with topics that focus on student wellness, Wellbeing activities around exams, and other activities focused on enriching the humanistic side of the student experience.

Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (CDHP) http://www.westernu.edu/cdhp/cdhp-about/
The HFCDHP embraces the spirit of providing services to all students with permanent or temporary disabilities or medical conditions, ensuring that all University programs and activities are accessible. The HFCDHP understands your educational needs and is flexible in its accommodations. Please keep in mind, there are no charges to you for services that are needed to support your educational program. We are here to help you succeed!

If you have a disability and/or medical condition, there are several support services available to you. To learn additional information about the services we offer or to start the interactive process, please view our webpage at www.westernu.edu/cdhp. Here you will find information on how to register for accommodations, required documentation, and other helpful information about our center.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our office at (909) 469-5441 or disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu.

Fitness Benifits –| http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-services-fitness/
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We want you to stay mentally and physically fit while you are a student, so we offer a number of great opportunities to stay healthy:

1. You may join a gym of your choosing and receive up to $100 reimbursement. We contract with LA Fitness to provide you with a discounted rate and numerous other gyms offer a special rate for WesternU students as well. See the link above for complete details including restrictions and deadlines.

2. For WesternU Oregon students, we also have SamFit and you'll pay a discounted and subsidized rate (WesternU pays $100 to the facility on your behalf) depending on your option for enrollment. The advertised rates are for the 2022-2023 academic year and may be subject to change in the future.

Counseling
https://www.westernu.edu/students/students-services/students-services-counseling/
We are pleased to provide all full-time students access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for Students through OptumHealth. Under the EAP for Students, you and any member of your immediate household are eligible for up to six free counseling sessions for each "incident" or situation. Counseling includes but is not limited to emotional well-being, financial planning, work and school issues. Counseling services may be accessed by telephone, via the web, or face-to-face. An on-campus counselor is also available by appointment as well as app-based services. View the link above for a complete list of available services.

Identification Badges

Student identification badges must be worn at all times while on campus, and entry into buildings may be denied without proper ID.

Health Insurance
http://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/registration-information/student-health-insurance/
As a full-time WesternU student, you must show that you have a current health insurance policy during registration EACH academic year. We encourage you to "shop around" for a health insurance plan that meets your specific needs. Many students are enrolled in plans offered by Blue Cross, Kaiser Permanente, HealthNet, PacifiCare, Aetna, US Healthcare, and United Healthcare. There are many companies that can give you the coverage you need for your specific health concerns. Coverage requirements for all students seeking to waive out of the school sponsored insurance plan are as follows:

- Active coverage for the entire academic year, including summer and holidays
- Deductible of $1,000 or less per policy year
- Plan provides coverage in the United States

Should you choose not to go with another health insurance plan or if you do not show proof of insurance by the deadline, you will automatically be enrolled in a health plan through Aetna Student Health. Under this plan, students have access to a network of healthcare providers. Listed below are some of the additional main highlights of this insurance plan. For complete details visit our health insurance page at http://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/registration-information/student-health-insurance/ or call WesternU's insurance broker, HSA Consulting by phone at (888) 978-8355 or by email at westernu@hsac.com.

Deductible	$250
Co-Insurance	80% – Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), 60% – Non-PPO
Out of Pocket Maximum (Individual)	$6,350 (PPO), $10,000 (Non-PPO)
Out of Pocket Maximum (Family)	$12,700 (PPO), $20,000 (Non-PPO)
Office Visit	$20 Copayment, 100% (PPO), 60% (Non-PPO)
Urgent Care Visit	$20 Copayment, 100% (PPO), 60% (Non-PPO)
Emergency Room Visit	$200 Copayment (Waived if Admitted)
Prescription Drugs	$15/$25/$45

For additional information on the benefits offered under the student health insurance plan, please visit the Health Sciences Assurance Consulting (HSAC) website at https://app.hsac.com/westernu

NOTE: There is a University owned medical center located on the WesternU Campus in Pomona, California and students are welcome to use this medical facility. (WesternU Health/Pomona, https://www.westernuhealth.com/Pomona/). There are no free services to students. Students may want to call in advance to verify that the wait time will be minimal. The Patient Care Center accepts many types of insurance including the insurance plan described above.

Student Parking www.westernu.edu/campusmap/
Annual parking permits are $470, and **semester parking permits are $255** allowing you to park in designated WesternU parking places. These permits may be purchased during online registration. You may instead choose to park in City Public Metered Parking in Lot 12. When you purchase between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the fee for over 3 hours is $3.00 per day. When you purchase after 7:00 p.m. the fee is $1.00. The machine accepts coins, bills, Visa and MasterCard.

Housing http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-housing-moving/
The Daumier is located directly across from the Health Education Center. Designed with the WesternU student in mind, these modern, luxury apartments offer you convenience and a long list of amenities. The Daumier is not owned or operated by WesternU and is privately owned and managed. Additionally, the Office of University Student Affairs (USA) maintains a list of local apartment complexes at the link above, many of which are near campus, to aid in your search. USA also provides an online database of available rentals and a roommate referral service, and upon acceptance, you will be able to access both through the You Portal.

Metrolink

https://metrolinktrains.com/

If you are interested in using the Metrolink, which has a station just a few blocks from campus, be sure to secure housing east of campus. To access schedules and other information, please go online to www.metrolinktrains.com. Rates are determined by distance traveled (originating station to destination station). The rail line which runs parallel to WesternU is the Riverside Line which goes from Downtown Riverside to the Downtown Pomona station. There is also the San Bernardino Line which goes from San Bernardino to the Pomona North station. These are the closest stations to WesternU.

Student Government Association, Community Service & Clubs

http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-government/

http://www.westernu.edu/students/students-clubs-1/westernu-clubs-1/

WesternU has a very active Student Government Association (SGA) on campus that serves as the voice of students. In addition, we have over 160 different clubs between the Lebanon and Pomona campuses comprising of such diverse groups that include but are not limited to nationally affiliated professional organizations, cultural/religious groups, and interest-based groups.

Our clubs and classes take part in a variety of community service events each year including offering free health screenings at numerous health fairs, facilitating *Santa's Workshop* for over 300 foster care children and assisting at/participating in events such as the Special Olympics and 5K runs to support cancer research. We also host two *Club Days* per year where you have an opportunity to visit various club booths to discuss their mission and join as a member.

In addition, if you are interested in journalism, we encourage you to get involved in the publication of the **WesternU Humanism magazine**. The magazine is written and edited by students under the direction of faculty advisors.

Diversity

We are proud of our diverse student body, and the many extracurricular activities offered on campus reflect that diversity. We offer a wide range of opportunities with campus organizations that include **cultural, religious, professional**, and **interest-based** clubs. The cultural diversity present on our campus provides students with an appreciation and respect for people of all backgrounds.

Useful Links

About the MSPA program (program overview, accreditation, and tuition refund policy)
https://www.westernu.edu/health-sciences/mspas/mspas-indicators/

University catalog (includes requirements and course descriptions)
https://www.westernu.edu/media/registrar/2023-2024-catalog-chs-mspas-1.pdf

Information on Clinical Experiences
https://prospective.westernu.edu/health-sciences/mspa/clinical-experience/

Interprofessional Education at WesternU
https://www.westernu.edu/interprofessional/

The Daumier (housing located adjacent to WesternU campus)
https://www.thedaumier.com/

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