

# 2016-2017 FACT SHEET

## CURRENT PROGRAMS & YEARS OF INCEPTION

1991

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

1993

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—  
Post Professional Family Nurse Practitioner**

1994

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—  
Nurse Anesthesia**

**MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

1996

**ENTRY LEVEL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—  
Case Management**

1997

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—  
Post Professional Case Management**

1999

**MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

**ENTRY LEVEL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—  
Family Nurse Practitioner**

2002

**DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE  
(California School of Podiatric Medicine)**

2005

**ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

2011

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

2015

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—  
Family Nurse Practitioner Online**

2016

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—  
Case Management Online**

**RN TO BSN**

**DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

## MISSION

Samuel Merritt University educates students to become highly skilled and compassionate healthcare professionals who positively transform the experience of care in diverse communities.

## VISION

Samuel Merritt University will become nationally recognized as a premier, multi-specialty health sciences institution. Expert faculty and staff will shape an inclusive learning environment where all students experience best teaching practices and state-of-the-art learning approaches. The University will select and support students who will flourish in the rigorous academic programs, learn to practice expertly, and pass licensure or certifications examinations on first attempt.

## VALUES

At Samuel Merritt University, we value:

- ▶ a learning environment where we challenge ourselves and our students to think critically, seek mastery, and act compassionately;
- ▶ a collegial environment where we are fair, respectful, and behave with integrity;
- ▶ a collaborative environment where we partner with one another and with others in the community;
- ▶ an innovative environment where we take reasoned risks and move nimbly;
- ▶ a results-oriented environment where we provide and expect exceptional performance and service.

## LICENSURE PASS RATES

### FIRST-TIME TAKERS // 2016 SMU NATIONAL

Program	SMU	NATIONAL
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	94%	88%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	85%	88%
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	93%	88%
Master of Science in Nursing—Nurse Anesthesia (NBCRNA)	95%	85%
Master of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	100%	Not Available
Master of Physician Assistant (PANCE)	91%	96%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (APMLE-PART II)	82%	92%
Doctor of Physical Therapy (NPTE)	100%	94%

## HISTORY

Founded in 1909, Samuel Merritt University became a degree-granting institution in 1981. Today, Samuel Merritt University is a health sciences university offering a bachelor's degree in nursing and graduate degrees in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant, and podiatric medicine. Admission is selective. The University's facilities include a classroom complex, student recreation areas, a comprehensive health sciences library, computer learning laboratories, and specialized laboratories for gross anatomy, human performance, physical therapy, living skills, human occupation, splinting/orthotics, nursing skills, and human simulation. Students are offered a variety of clinical experiences in more than 1000 health care facilities. The University is an affiliate of Sutter Health.

## ADDED VALUE FOR SMU STUDENTS

- ▶ SMU has a nationally recognized, state-of-the-art human simulation laboratory and a Motion Analysis Research Center on the Oakland campus.
- ▶ A primary strategic objective of SMU is making the campus more diverse and inclusive of all students, staff, and faculty.
- ▶ Students are introduced to clinical experiences very early in their programs.
- ▶ SMU's graduates have one of the highest rates of employment in Northern California within one year of graduation.

## FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATES

### BY PROGRAM // 2015-2016 COHORT

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	98%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	97%
RN to BSN	93%
Master of Science in Nursing	96%
Master of Occupational Therapy	100%
Master of Physician Assistant	100%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	92%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	100%
Doctor of Physical Therapy	97%
All Programs	97%

# TOP 5 REASONS TO ATTEND SMU

Reputation of the program

84%

Location

71%

University philosophy

43%

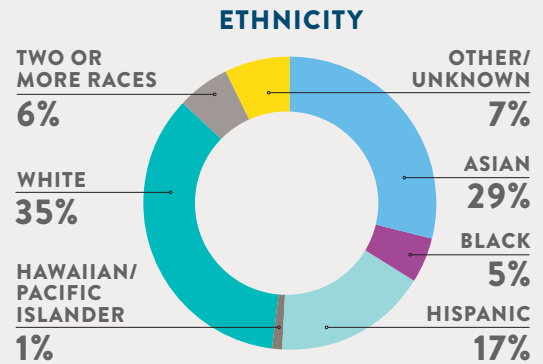
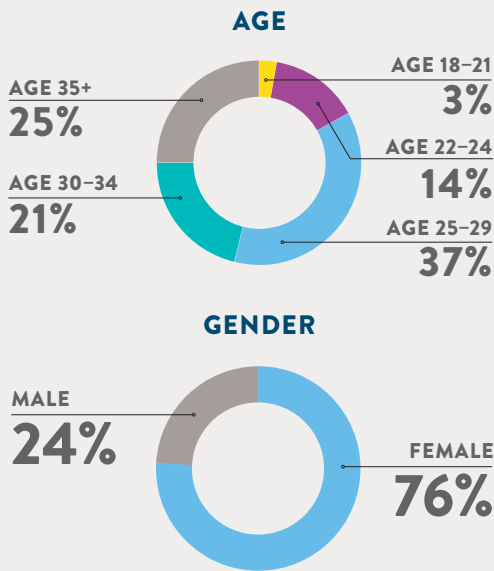
Campus facilities

30%

Personalized service

25%

## ENROLLED STUDENTS' DEMOGRAPHICS // FALL 2016



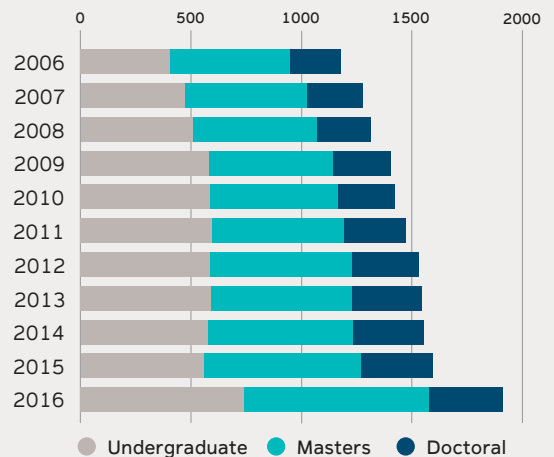
## HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT BY PROGRAM // FALL 2016

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	287	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner	173	Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner Online	170
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	250	Master of Science in Nursing—Nurse Anesthesia	77	Master of Occupational Therapy	119
RN to BSN	113	Master of Science in Nursing—Post Professional Case Management	3	Master of Physician Assistant	131
Undergraduate non-degree seeking	88	Master of Science in Nursing—Post Professional Family Nurse Practitioner	34	Doctor of Nursing Practice	33
Certificate—Family Nurse Practitioner	18	Master of Science in Nursing—Case Management Online	9	Doctor of Physical Therapy	111
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing—Case Management	104			Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	187
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1907</b>

## ENTERING STUDENTS' GPA // FALL 2016 (MEDIAN SCORES)

Accelerated/Bachelor of Science in Nursing	3.34
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing	3.15
Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner	3.39
Master of Science in Nursing—Nurse Anesthesia	3.55
Master of Occupational Therapy	3.56
Master of Physician Assistant	3.36
Doctor of Nursing Practice	3.42
Doctor of Physical Therapy	3.48
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	3.26

## HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT // FALL 2006-2016



## HEADCOUNT AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) ENROLLMENT BY TERM

FALL 2016	738 (641.2 FTE)	838 (811.7 FTE)	331 (326 FTE)	<b>1907 TOTAL (1778.9 FTE)</b>
SPRING 2017	772 (654.6 FTE)	716 (694.5 FTE)	353 (313.7 FTE)	<b>1841 TOTAL (1662.8 FTE)</b>

● Undergraduate ● Masters ● Doctoral

## STUDENT SATISFACTION WITH ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Clinical experiences	4.03
SMU has a welcoming and inclusive climate	4.00
My program is preparing me to succeed in my profession	4.09

Scale: Likert scale 1 to 5 (Student satisfaction/agreement)

Source: 2017 Student Climate Survey

THE AVERAGE GPA FOR SMU'S 2015–2016 GRADUATING CLASS ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS WAS **3.56**.

SMU'S AVERAGE GRADUATION RATE IS **95%**.



## DEGREES AWARDED // 2015–2016

<b>362</b> Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	<b>26</b> Master of Science in Nursing—Nurse Anesthesia (MSN)	<b>36</b> Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
<b>42</b> Master of Science in Nursing—Case Management (MSN)	<b>38</b> Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	<b>42</b> Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)
<b>61</b> Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)	<b>43</b> Master of Physician Assistant (MPA)	<b>9</b> Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
<b>659</b> TOTAL DEGREES AWARDED 2015–2016		

## STUDENT/FACULTY COLLABORATIVE WORK IN CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE SETTINGS IN 2016–2017

**SMU nursing students traveled to Greece to provide medical services to war refugees.** The students set up a mobile clinic where they listened to migrants' health issues, provided care, and distributed supplies.  
<http://bit.ly/SMU2017GreeceRefugees>

**An interdisciplinary team of SMU students volunteered in the pilot "Hot Spotting" program** designed to improve healthcare services to complex care patients. The students spent time with patients outside of the hospital, providing a mix of social, physiological, behavioral, and medical counseling to improve patients' quality of life.  
<http://bit.ly/SMU2017HotSpotters>

**ABS N students worked to build healthier communities** as part of their clinical education rotations. Their work with vulnerable populations focused on health, wellness, and prevention.  
<http://bit.ly/SMU2017ABSHealthyCommunities>

**SMU students and faculty provided free health screenings to members of the community** for the annual Hypertension Sunday event. An estimated 700 East Bay residents received health screenings and resources as part of the volunteer-run event.  
<http://bit.ly/SMU2017Hypertension>

**Family nurse practitioner faculty and students worked at a family health clinic caring for underserved clients** in a low-income community. The free clinic gave SMU students the opportunity to work alongside their professors while making a positive impact on patient lives.  
<http://bit.ly/SMU2017FNPFreeClinic>

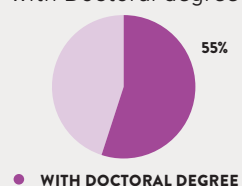
**Occupational therapy students and faculty helped older adults in the community adjust their car seats and steering wheels** during the free CarFit event hosted by SMU students. The event was part of a national effort to promote driver safety.  
<http://bit.ly/SMU2017DriverSafety>

READ THESE STORIES AND MORE AT [WWW.SAMUELMERRITT.EDU](http://WWW.SAMUELMERRITT.EDU).

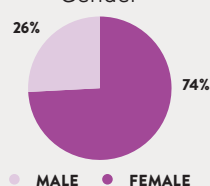
**FACULTY PROFILE // FALL 2016**

	FULL TIME	PART TIME	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	INSTRUCTOR	ADJUNCT FACULTY
Basic Sciences	7	1	0	3	3	1	1
California School of Podiatric Medicine	17	6	3	2	10	2	6
Health Sciences							
Simulation Center	5	0	0	1	4	0	0
Motion Analysis Research Center	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Occupational Therapy	12	10	3	3	4	2	10
Physical Therapy	11	17	2	4	4	1	17
Physician Assistant	9	11	0	0	9	0	11
School of Nursing	94	131	9	12	48	25	131
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>176</b>

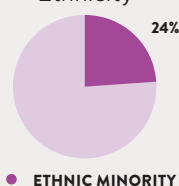
Full-time Faculty with Doctoral degree



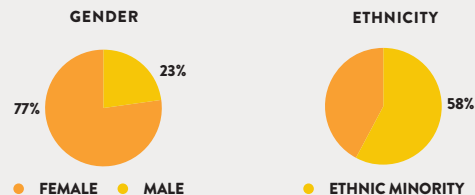
Gender



Ethnicity



**STAFF PROFILE // FALL 2016**



**JOHN A. GRAZIANO MEMORIAL LIBRARY // 2016**

Books/Monographs	12,310
Bound Journals	16,907
Electronic Journals	11,942
Audio/Video Materials	1,538
Online Subscribed Databases	23
Electronic Books	244

SMU'S FACULTY-TO-STUDENT CLINICAL RATIO ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS IS **1:9**

SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY HAS OVER **\$45 MILLION IN ENDOWMENT FUNDS** AVAILABLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS.

**FINANCIAL AID**

APPLICATION PROCESS



PRIORITY FILING DATE FOR FAFSA: **MARCH 2**  
FAFSA ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS



NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS ON A ROLLING BASIS BEGINNING **APRIL 1**

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT



PERCENT FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO WORKED ON CAMPUS THROUGH WORK/STUDY PROGRAM



AVERAGE AMOUNT EARNED BY STUDENTS THROUGH WORK/STUDY PROGRAM: **\$1,260**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS (2015-2016)**

Types of scholarships and grants include: Federal (Pell, SEOG), State (Cal Grants A and B), college, and private grants; Federal, state, college, and private scholarships; Merit and need-based scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AID TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RANGED FROM **\$500 TO \$42,000**

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AID TO GRADUATE STUDENTS RANGED FROM **\$500 TO \$30,000**

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AID AWARDED TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: **\$4,190,347**

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AID AWARDED TO GRADUATE STUDENTS: **\$4,122,913**

PERCENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR GRANT FUNDS: **86%**

PERCENT GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR GRANT FUNDS: **85%**

**LOANS (2015-2016)**

Types of loans include: Stafford, NSL, PLUS, Perkins, HPSL, state, school, and private; deferred payment plans are available.

LOANS TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RANGED FROM **\$1,000 TO \$76,000**

LOANS TO GRADUATE STUDENTS RANGED FROM **\$1,000 TO \$101,000**

TOTAL LOAN FUNDS AWARDED TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: **\$19.1 MILLION**

TOTAL LOAN FUNDS AWARDED TO GRADUATE STUDENTS: **\$46.6 MILLION**

PERCENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED LOANS: **74%**

PERCENT GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED LOANS: **78%**

For current tuition, fees, and application information, visit the SMU website at [www.samuelmerritt.edu](http://www.samuelmerritt.edu). To contact the Financial Aid Office directly, call **510.869.1590** or email [fnaid@samuelmerritt.edu](mailto:fnaid@samuelmerritt.edu).

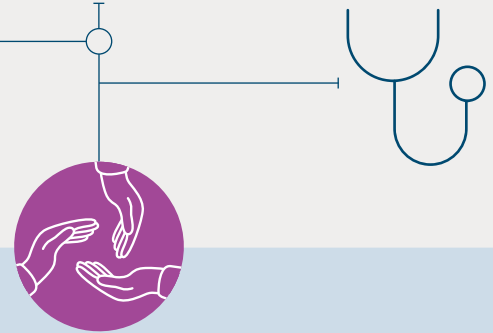
89%

PERCENT OF SMU ALUMNI WHO REPORTED THAT THEIR EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THEIR CHOSEN PROGRAM AT SMU HAD BEEN MET OR EXCEEDED



97%

PERCENT OF SMU GRADUATES WHO FIND EMPLOYMENT IN THEIR PROFESSION WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION FROM SMU



**SAMPLE OF SMU ALUMNI VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

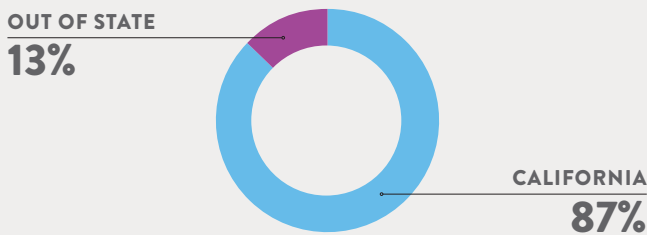
- International medical missions
- Medical services for the homeless/underserved populations
- Disaster relief operations
- Community health centers and clinics
- Health information educational events
- Medical and first aid support at community events

**28% OF SMU GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED IN MUA/P\* DESIGNATED WORKSITES**

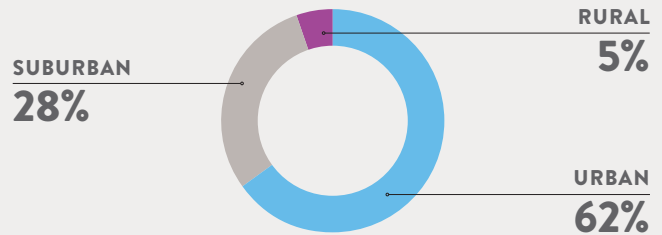
**24% OF SMU GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED IN HPSA\*\* DESIGNATED WORKSITES**

\*MUA/P = Medically Underserved Areas/Populations  
\*\*HPSA = Health Professional Shortage Areas

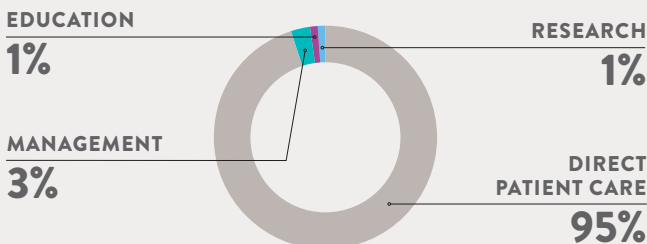
**STATE OF EMPLOYMENT**



**LOCATION OF PRIMARY WORKSITE SERVED**

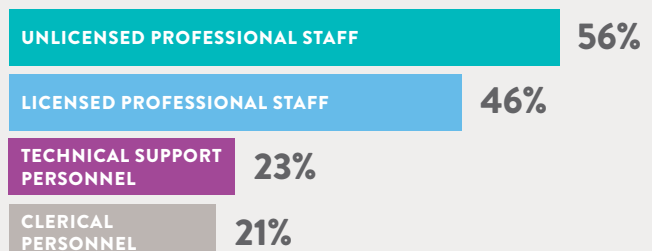


**RESPONSIBILITIES IN PRIMARY JOB**



**SUPERVISORY ROLE**

(Types of Personnel Supervised by SMU Graduates)



**ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS // RECOGNIZED BY THE US SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION**

<b>WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)</b>	985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100 Alameda, California 94501 510.748.9001	<b>Institutional Accreditation for Samuel Merritt University</b>
<b>Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)</b>	4720 Montgomery Lane P.O. Box 31220 Bethesda, Maryland 20824 301.652.2682	<b>Entry-level Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (MOT)</b>
<b>California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)</b>	P.O. Box 944210 Sacramento, California 94244 916.322.3350	<b>Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN) Certificate and Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)—Family Nurse Practitioner Program</b>
<b>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</b>	One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036 202.887.6791	<b>Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN) Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)</b>
<b>Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)</b>	Department of Accreditation American Physical Therapy Association 1111 North Fairfax Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314 703.706.3245   www.apta.org/CAPTE	<b>Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Physical Therapy (DPT)</b>
<b>Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)</b>	222 South Prospect Avenue Park Ridge, Illinois 60068 847.692.1160	<b>Post-professional Certificate and Master's Degree Program in Nurse Anesthesia (MS)</b>
<b>Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCPA)</b>	12000 Findley Road, Suite 150 Johns Creek, Georgia 30097 770.476.1224	<b>Entry-level Master's Degree Program for Preparation of Physician Assistants</b>
<b>Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)</b>	9312 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, Maryland 20814 301.581.9200	<b>Doctoral Degree Program in Podiatric Medicine</b>



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