



2019-2020 Fact Sheet



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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.

Added value for students

- **SMU has a nationally-recognized, state-of-the-art human simulation facility at the Health Science Simulation Center (HSSC)**, and the Motion Analysis Research Center on the Oakland campus. SMU's other campuses are also equipped with human simulation laboratories.
- **A primary strategic objective of SMU is making the campus more diverse and inclusive of all students, staff, and faculty.** Student have continuous service learning opportunities in diverse environments in their programs.
- **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.
- **SMU has a robust Interprofessional education platform** with the goal of graduating health care providers who bring an inclusive, respectful, and collaborative approach to person-centered care.

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.

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
1994
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
1999
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner

2002
Doctor of Physical Therapy

2002
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
RN to BSN

2016
Doctor of Occupational Therapy

resources

faculty

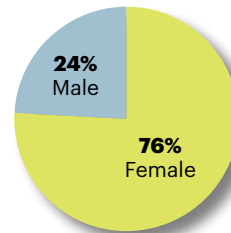
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Faculty-to-student clinical ratio across all programs

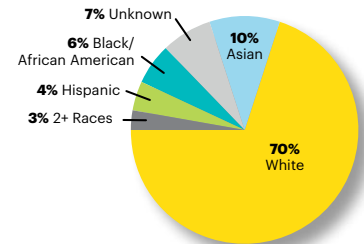
61%

Full-time Faculty with Terminal Degree

Faculty, Fall 2019 | Gender



Faculty, Fall 2019 | Ethnicity



Faculty Profile, Fall 2019	Full-Time	Part-Time	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Instructor	Adjunct Faculty
Basic Sciences	7	0	0	4	3	0	0
California School of Podiatric Medicine	19	6	3	1	15		6
Health Sciences Simulation Center	9	1	1	1	6	1	1
Motion Analysis Research Center	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Occupational Therapy	13	13	2	2	9	0	13
Physical Therapy	13	25	3	3	5	2	25
Physician Assistant	10	9	0	2	8	0	9
School of Nursing	100	150	7	9	50	34	150
Total	173	204	17	22	97	37	204

Over 50 million in endowment funds available for students and university operations

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.

Scholarships and Grants (2018-2019)

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

\$500 to \$56,000

Range of undergraduate scholarship and grant aid

\$500 to \$35,000

Range of graduate scholarship and grant aid

\$6,712,913

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to undergraduate students

\$3,741,729

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to graduate students

91%

Undergraduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

81%

Graduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

Loans (2018-2019)

Stafford, NSL, PLUS, Perkins, HPSL, state, school, private; deferred payment plans are available.

\$1,000 to \$82,000

Range of loans to undergraduates

\$1,000 to \$107,000

Range of loans to graduates

\$24.2 million

Total loan funds awarded to undergraduate students

\$55.4 million

Total loan funds awarded to graduate students

67%

Undergraduate students who received loans

74%

Graduate students who received loans

Student Employment

11.4%

Full-time students who worked on campus through Work/Study program

\$1,374

Average amount earned by students through Work/Study program



John A. Graziano Memorial Library, 2019

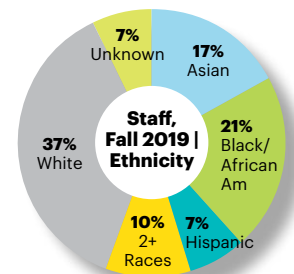
Books/Monographs	13,273
Bound Journals	16,935
Electronic Journals	5,101
Audio/Video Materials	2,014
Online Subscribed Databases	21
Electronic Books	339



staff

71% women
Staff, Fall 2019

29% men
Staff, Fall 2019

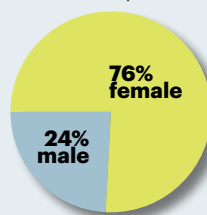


students

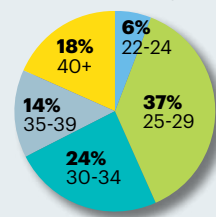
Headcount Enrollment by Program, Fall 2019

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	317
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	243
RN to BSN	148
Undergraduate non-degree seeking	60
Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner	23
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management	120
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	171
Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia	82
Master of Science in Nursing - Post Professional Case Management	2
Master of Science in Nursing - Post Professional Family Nurse Practitioner	3
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner Online	223
Master of Occupational Therapy	3
Master of Physician Assistant	132
Doctor of Nursing Practice	46
Post-Baccalaureate FNP/DNP	26
Doctor of Physical Therapy	128
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	176
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	126
Total	2029

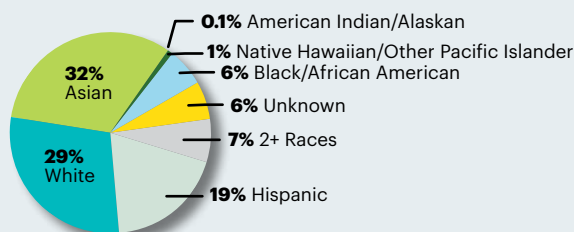
Enrolled Student, Fall 2019 | Gender



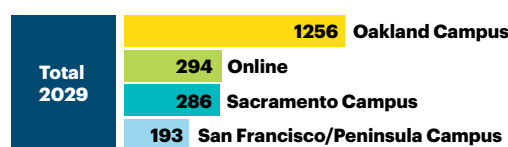
Enrolled Student, Fall 2019 | Age



Enrolled Student, Fall 2019 | Ethnicity

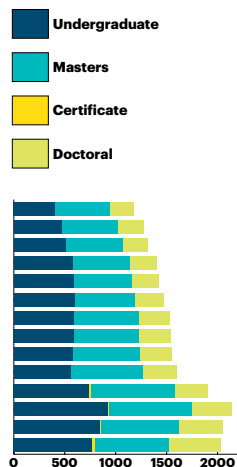


Headcount Enrollment by Campus, Fall 2019



Headcount Enrollment, Fall 2006-2019

Year	Undergrad	Certificate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
2006	403		542	233	1178
2007	469		556	253	1278
2008	506		564	241	1311
2009	579		563	258	1400
2010	585		575	262	1422
2011	593		595	285	1473
2012	584		641	305	1530
2013	589		636	317	1542
2014	574		658	321	1553
2015	556	7	704	326	1593
2016	738	18	820	331	1907
2017	919	18	808	396	2141
2018	843	15	756	440	2054
2019	768	23	736	502	2029



17%
Students with children

29%
First in family to attend college

Headcount Enrollment and FTE by Term

	Undergraduate	Certificate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
Fall 2019 headcount	768	23	736	502	2029
Fall 2019 FTE	671.80	18.50	713.17	487.79	1891.26
Spring 2020 headcount	811	21	662	484	1978
Spring 2019 FTE	704.70	18.10	573.00	410.15	1705.95

Entering Students' GPAs, Fall 2019 (Average)

3.25	Accelerated/Bachelor of Science in Nursing
3.05	RN to BSN
3.64	Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner
3.2	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing
3.52	Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner
3.56	Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia
3.35	Master of Physician Assistant
3.39	Doctor of Nursing Practice
3.62	Doctor of Occupational Therapy
3.31	Doctor of Physical Therapy
3.24	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

First Year Retention Rates by Program, 2018-2019 Cohort

*Includes ELMSN-CM, ELMSN-FNP, MSN-CM, MSN-FNP-Online, MSN-FNP, MSN-CRNA
 **Includes DNP and FNP/DNP

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	96%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	98%
RN to BSN	88%
Certificate – Family Nurse Practitioner	88%
Master of Science in Nursing*	94%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	98%
Master of Physician Assistant	92%
Doctor of Nursing Practice**	98%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	100%
Doctor of Physical Therapy	97%
All Programs	96%

Degrees Awarded, 2018-2019

385	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
131	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)
4	Certificate, Family Nurse Practitioner
41	Master of Science in Nursing – Case Management (MSN)
173	Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)
26	Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Anesthesia (MSN)
20	Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)
42	Master of Physician Assistant (MPA)
43	Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
43	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)
14	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
19	Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

941 Total



Top 5 Reasons to Attend SMU



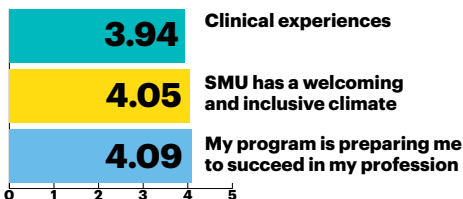
- Reputation of the academic program
- Location
- University Philosophy
- Campus Facilities
- Personalized Service

Source: Entering Students Survey Fall 2019



Student Satisfaction with Academic Experience

Likert scale 1 to 5 (student satisfaction/agreement)



Source: 2019 Resources, Services and Climate Survey

Licensure Pass Rates, First-Time Takers, 2019

	SMU	National
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	94%	91%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	91%	91%
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	92%	91%
Master of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	95%	Not Available
Master of Physician Assistant (PANCE)	78%	93%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	100%	Not Available
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (APMLE-PART II)	86% (Written) 93% (CSPE)	94% (Written) 94% (CSPE)
Doctor of Physical Therapy (NPTE)	91%	91%

94%

Average graduation rate for the past three years

3.68

Average GPA for SMU's 2017-2018 graduating class across all programs

Recent Student/Faculty Collaborative Work in Clinical and Community Service Settings

Rebecca Owen, MSN-FNP '11, DNP '19 saw how the homeless and newly arrived immigrants living on the streets and in shelters lacked access for diabetes screening and treatment, and took action. <https://bit.ly/owen-msn>

Sutter Health nurse administrator Surani Hayre-Kwan, DNP '19, discovered that the first-year turnover for advanced practice clinicians was nearly twice the national average. Her pilot project proved such a success, Sutter expanded it system-wide. <https://bit.ly/hayre-kwan>

New research out of Samuel Merritt University's Occupational Therapy program published in the *Journal of Occupational Therapy Education*, showed improvements in students' self-reported knowledge of culturally responsive care. <https://bit.ly/OT-research>

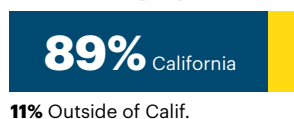
Lorraine Petti, a self-proclaimed "mad scientist," has been creating skin for her students to practice suturing for seven years, refining her recipe over and over to make it as realistic as possible. <https://bit.ly/petti-skin>

Megan FitzGerald BSN '19 was nervous during her interview for an internship at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center. Turns out she aced the interview and became one of a select few nursing students accepted into the VA Learning Opportunity Residency (VALOR) program, a paid internship that teaches valuable clinical skills. <https://bit.ly/fitzgerald-bsn>

Employment Details

Source: 2018-2019 Alumni Surveys

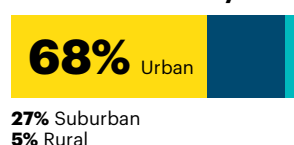
State of Employment



Primary Job Responsibilities

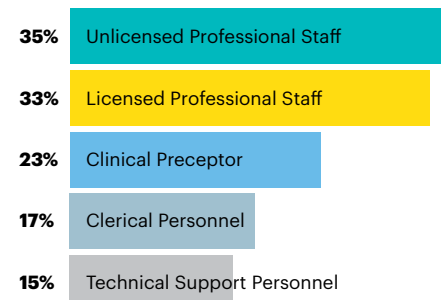


Location of Primary Worksite



Supervisory Role

(types of personnel supervised by SMU graduates)



alumni

30%

Graduates are employed in Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/P) designated worksites

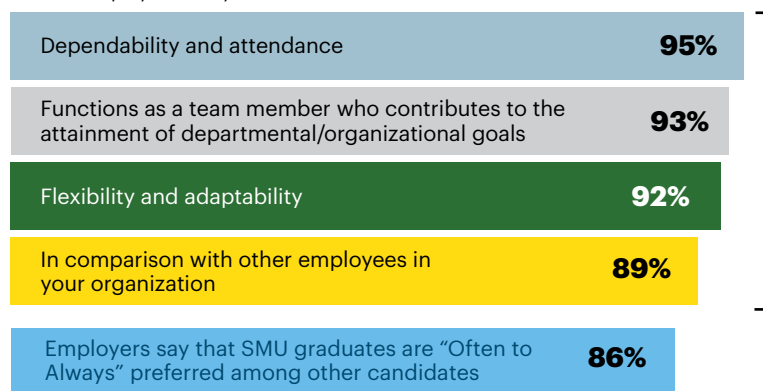


27%

Graduates are employed in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) designated worksites

Employer Ratings of Graduates

Source: Employer Survey 2018-2019



Scale is "very good to excellent"

Reasons Why Alumni Recommend SMU



- Faculty excellence
- Superior clinical experience
- Small class size
- Quality of the program
- Accelerated options
- Reputation
- Simulation experience

Accreditation

Organization	Address	Program/Facility
WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)	985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100 Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001	Regional Accreditation for Samuel Merritt University
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)	4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200 Bethesda, MD 20814, 301.652.2682	Entry-level Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (MOT)
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)	4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200 Bethesda, MD 20814, 301.652.2682	Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (OTD)
California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)	P.O. Box 944210 Sacramento, CA 94244, 916.322.3350	Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing (BSN); Certificate and Master's Degree Program in Nursing (MSN) – Family Nurse Practitioner Program
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*	One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036, 202.887.6791	Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing (BSN); Master's Degree Program in Nursing (MSN)
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*	One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036, 202.887.6791	Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP)
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)	Department of Accreditation American Physical Therapy Association 1111 North Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314, 703.706.3245	Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Physical Therapy (DPT)
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)	222 South Prospect Avenue Park Ridge, IL 60068, 847.692.1160	Master's Degree Program in Nurse Anesthesia (MSN)
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCOPA)	12000 Findley Road, Suite 150 Johns Creek, GA 30097, 770.476.1224	Entry-level Master's Degree Program for Preparation of Physician Assistants (MPA)
Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)	9312 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD 20814, 301.581.9200	Doctoral Degree Program in Podiatric Medicine (DPM)
Society for Simulation in Healthcare	2021 L Street, NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036, 866.730.6127	Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC)

*The baccalaureate degree programs in nursing/master's degree programs in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice programs and/or post-graduate APRN certificate program at Samuel Merritt University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccneaccreditation.org).

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