



# Samuel Merritt University

# Fact Sheet

## 2020-2021

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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.

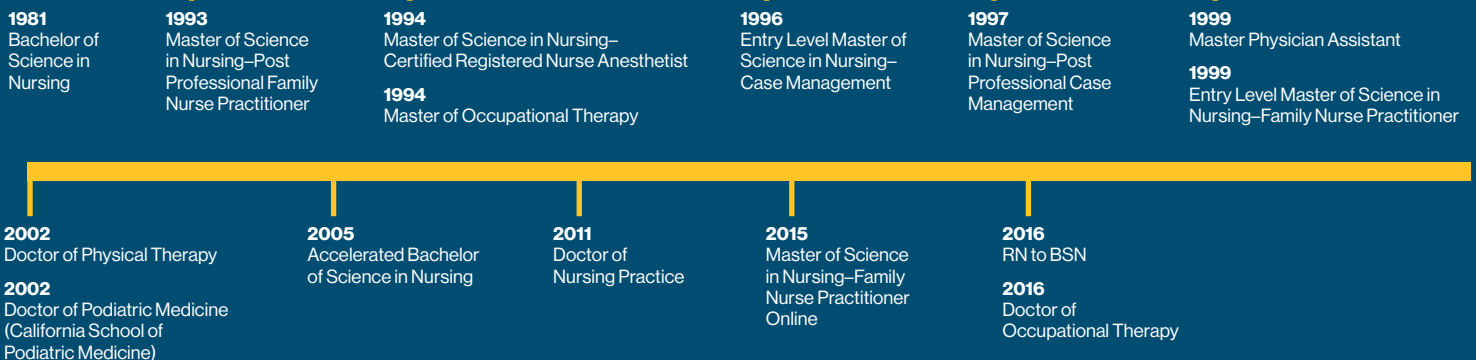
## Added value for students

- **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.** Students 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



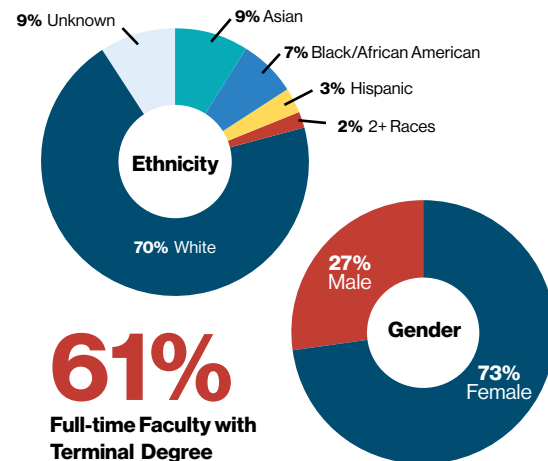
# Faculty



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Faculty-to-student clinical ratio across all programs

## Faculty, Fall 2020



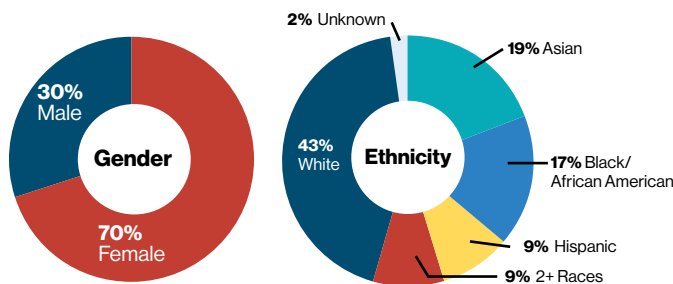
**61%**

Full-time Faculty with Terminal Degree

Faculty Profile, Fall 2020	Full-Time	Part-Time	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Instructor
Basic Sciences	7	1		4	3	
California School of Podiatric Medicine	18	5	3	1	14	
Health Sciences Simulation Center	8		1	1	4	2
Motion Analysis Research Center	2		1		1	
Occupational Therapy	12	13	2	5	5	
Physical Therapy	16	24	5	3	5	3
Physician Assistant	8	14		2	6	
School of Nursing	109	110	10	6	52	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>46</b>

# Staff

## Staff, Fall 2020



## John A. Graziano Memorial Library, 2020

Books/Monographs	13,305
Bound Journals	16,935
Electronic Journals	5,449
Audio/Video Materials	2,025
Online Subscribed Databases	22
Electronic Books	346

# Leadership

### President

Ching-Hua Wang, MD, PhD

### Chief of Staff and Vice President, University Initiatives

Emily Prieto-Tseregounis, PhD

### Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

Fred Baldini, PhD

### Vice President, Advancement and Communications

Al Frisone, MA

### Vice President, Student Affairs

Timothy Cranford, MS

### Governing Board

Seventeen-Member Board of Regents

# Contact

### Oakland Campus

3100 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 1000  
Oakland, California 94609  
800.607.6377  
510.879.9200

### Fresno Campus

1791 E. Fir Avenue  
Fresno, California 93720  
800.607.6377

### Sacramento Campus

2710 N. Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 360  
Sacramento, California 95833  
916.646.2770

### San Francisco Peninsula Campus

1720 South Amphlett Boulevard, Suite 300  
San Mateo, California 94402  
650.292.5565

### College Identification Numbers

SAT, FAF, AND TOEFL #4750  
GRE #3358, #2069 (NursingCAS),  
#7593 (PTCAS)  
ACT #0412  
FAFSA #007012

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# Students

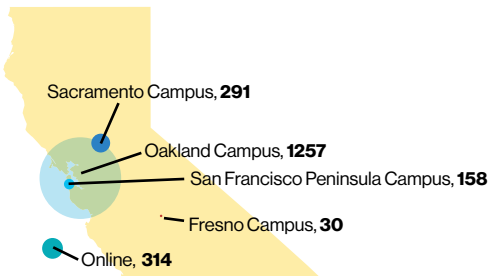


## Headcount Enrollment by Program, Fall 2020

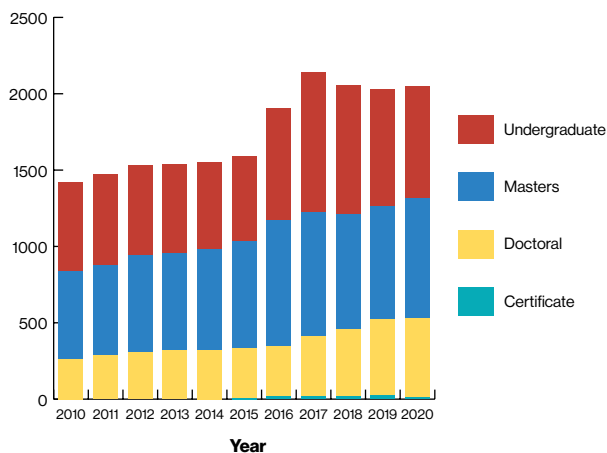
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	293
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	251
RN to BSN	148
Undergraduate non-degree seeking	44
Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner	10
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management	119
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	164
Master of Science in Nursing - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	84
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner Online	263
Master of Science in Nursing - Post Professional Case Management	2
Master of Occupational Therapy	20
Master Physician Assistant	131
Doctor of Nursing Practice	41
Post-Baccalaureate FNP/DNP	52
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	106
Doctor of Physical Therapy	141
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>2050</b>

## Headcount Enrollment by Campus, Fall 2020

**Total 2050**

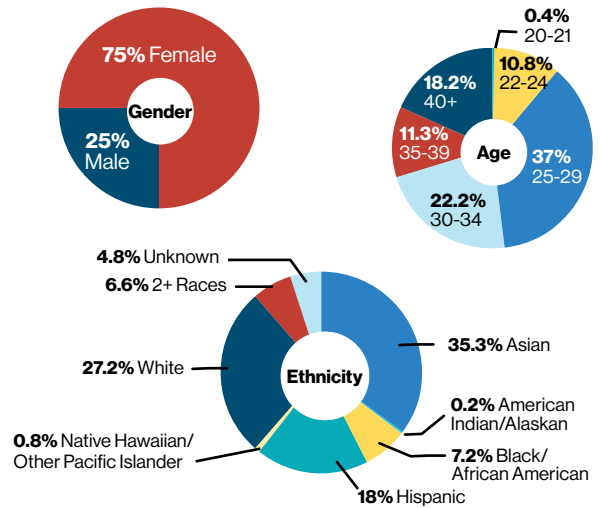


## Headcount Enrollment, Fall 2010-2020



	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral	Certificate	Total
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	704	326	7	1593
2016	738	820	331	18	1907
2017	919	808	396	18	2141
2018	843	756	440	15	2054
2019	768	736	502	23	2029
2020	736	783	521	10	2050

## Enrolled Students, Fall 2020



## Headcount Enrollment and FTE by Term

	Undergraduate	Certificate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
Fall 2020 headcount	736	10	783	521	2050
Fall 2020 FTE	706.20	6.00	749.33	478.58	1940.11
Spring 2021 headcount	740	7	705	514	1966
Spring 2021 FTE	719.90	5.17	687.67	455.33	1868.07

## Entering Students' GPAs, Fall 2020 (Average)

Accelerated/Bachelor of Science in Nursing	3.22
RN to BSN	2.90
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing	3.10
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	3.29
Master of Science in Nursing - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	3.49
Master of Occupational Therapy	3.76
Master Physician Assistant	3.42
Doctor of Nursing Practice	3.44
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	3.58
Doctor of Physical Therapy	3.37
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	3.26

**18%**

Students with children



**30%**

First in family to attend college

# Student Success and Achievements

## First Year Retention Rates by Program, 2019-2020 Cohort

Program	Retention Rate	Notes
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	98%	*Includes ELMSN-CM, ELMSN-FNP, MSN-CM, MSN-FNP-Online, MSN-FNP, MSN-CRNA
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	99%	
RN to BSN	89%	
Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner	100%	
Master of Science in Nursing*	90%	
Master Physician Assistant	100%	
Doctor of Nursing Practice**	92%	
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	98%	
Doctor of Physical Therapy	100%	
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	98%	
<b>All Programs</b>	<b>95%</b>	**Includes DNP and FNP/DNP

## Degrees Awarded, 2019-2020

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	433
RN to BSN (BSN)	77
Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate (Certificate)	13
Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management (MSN)	46
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)	143
Master of Science in Nursing - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (MSN)	26
Master Occupational Therapy (MOT)	7
Master Physician Assistant (MPA)	46
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	17
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)	30
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	35
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	35
<b>Total Degrees Awarded 2019-2020</b>	<b>908</b>

**3.7**  
Average GPA for SMU's 2019-2020 graduating class across all programs

**94%**  
Average graduation rate for the past three years

**Top 5 Reasons to Attend SMU**

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

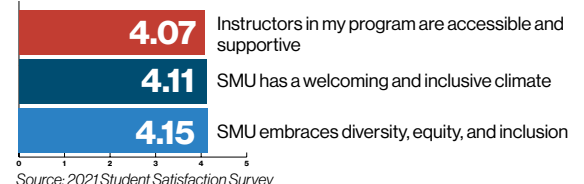
Source: Entering Students Survey Fall 2020

## Licensure Pass Rates, First-Time Takers, 2020

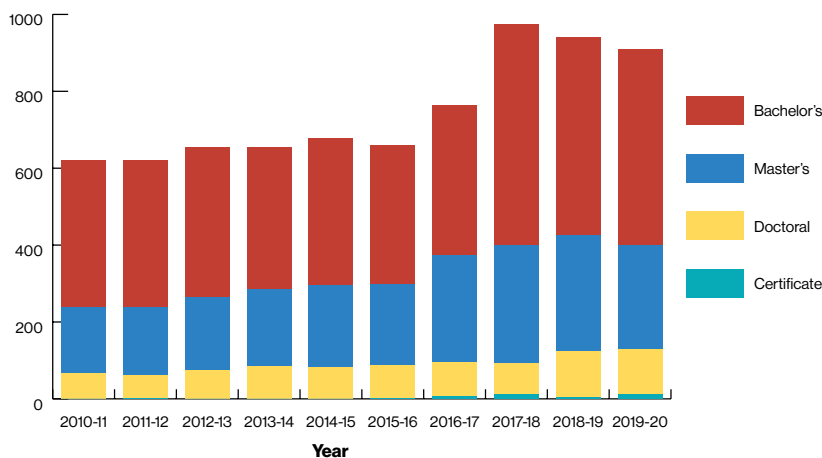
Program	SMU	US
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	94%	90%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	80%	90%
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	82%	90%
Master of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	100%	N/A
Master Physician Assistant (PANCE)	98%	95%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	100%	N/A
Doctor of Physical Therapy (NPTE)	91%	92%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (APMLE-PART II)	87%	90%

## Student Satisfaction with Academic Experience

Likert scale 1 to 5 (student satisfaction/agreement)



## Degrees Awarded, 2010-2020

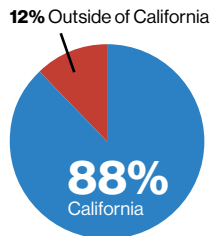


	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral	Certificate	Total
2010-11	381	173	66		620
2011-12	380	178	60	1	619
2012-13	390	190	75		655
2013-14	367	202	84		653
2014-15	383	213	82		678
2015-16	362	209	87	1	659
2016-17	392	276	89	7	764
2017-18	577	306	80	13	976
2018-19	516	302	119	4	941
2019-20	510	268	117	13	908

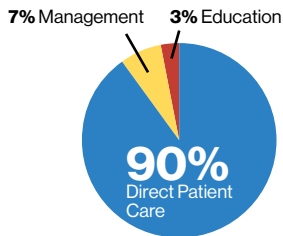
# Alumni

## Employment Details Source: 2019-2020 Alumni Surveys

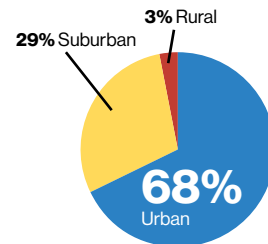
### State of Employment



### Primary Job Responsibilities



### Location of Primary Worksite



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

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>



About three years ago, Sarah Jingying Zhang, PhD, CRNA '15, began looking for solutions to America's opioid epidemic. Her ongoing—and now award-winning research—focuses on alternatives to common opioids used for chronic pain management, opioids that can be highly addictive and not effective for treating pain.

<https://bit.ly/2M031CG>



### Reasons Why Alumni Recommend SMU

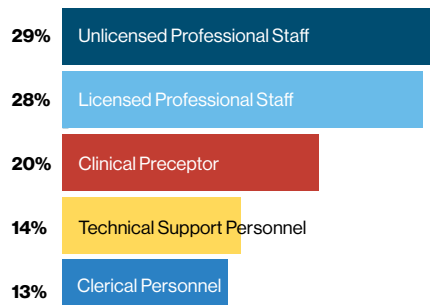
- Faculty excellence
- Superior clinical experience
- Small class size
- Quality of the program
- Accelerated options
- Reputation
- Simulation experience

## Employer Ratings of Graduates Source: Employer Survey 2019-2020



## Supervisory Role

(types of personnel supervised by SMU graduates)



Note: SMU graduates can have multiple supervisory roles.

# 23%

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

# 20%

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

# Accreditation

Organization	Address	Program/Facility
WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)	985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100 Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001	Institutional 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 Program in Nursing (BSN) Certificate and Master's Degree 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 Program in Nursing (BSN) Master's Degree 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 (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 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Educational Programs (COA)	222 South Prospect Avenue Park Ridge, IL 60068, 847.692.1160	Post-professional Certificate and Master's Degree Program in Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (MS)
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 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) certificate program at Samuel Merritt University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([www.ccneaccreditation.org](http://www.ccneaccreditation.org)).

# Financials

## Over \$45 million in endowment funds available for the benefit of 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 (2019-2020)

Types: 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 \$59,000

Range of undergraduate scholarship and grant aid

#### \$500 to \$36,000

Range of graduate scholarship and grant aid

#### \$6,708,993

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to undergraduate students

#### \$3,955,280

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to graduate students

#### 78%

Undergraduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

#### 82%

Graduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

### Loans (2019-2020)

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

#### \$1,000 to \$85,000

Range of loans to undergraduates

#### \$1,000 to \$108,000

Range of loans to graduates

#### \$23.9 million

Total loan funds awarded to undergraduate students

#### \$60 million

Total loan funds awarded to graduate students

#### 56%

Undergraduate students who received loans

#### 74%

Graduate students who received loans

### Student Employment

#### 10.8%

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

#### \$1,916

Average amount earned by students through Work/Study program