



Samuel Merritt University

Facts 2024-2025

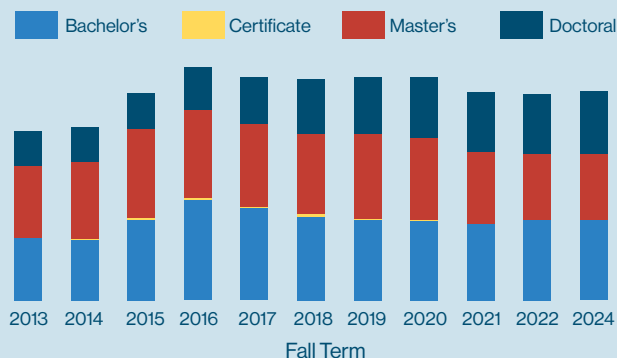
★ Founded in 1909

Inception	Current Programs
1981	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
1994	Master of Occupational Therapy
1996	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management
1996	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner
1997	Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management
1999	Master Physician Assistant
2002	Doctor of Physical Therapy
2002	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
2005	Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing
2011	Doctor of Nursing Practice - Post-Master's
2015	Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner
2016	RN to BSN
2016	Doctor of Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner
2016	Doctor of Occupational Therapy
2022	Doctor of Nursing Practice - Anesthesia
2022	Doctor of Nursing Practice - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
2024	Master of Science in Nursing - Clinical Leadership Education
2024	Master of Social Work
2024	Bridge to Podiatric Residency
2024	Master of Health Administration
2025	Master of Science in Nursing - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
2025	Master of Science in Nursing - Executive Leadership
2025	Bachelor of Health Sciences
2025	Master of Biomedical Sciences



Students

Headcount By Degree Level, Fall 2014-2024



Fall	Bachelor's	Certificate	Master's	Doctoral	Total
2014	574			658	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
2020	736	10	783	521	2050
2021	728	4	763	553	2048
2022	704		655	552	1911
2023	741		607	546	1894
2024	735	1	605	585	1926



Headcount Enrollment by Program, Fall 2024

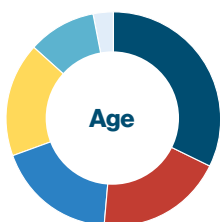
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	375
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	234
RN to BSN	109
Undergraduate non-degree seeking	17
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management	96
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	167
MSN - Clinical Leadership Education	51
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	94
Master of Science in Nursing - Post Professional Case Management	3
Master of Health Administration	6
Master of Occupational Therapy	10
Master Physician Assistant	134
Master of Social Work	45
Doctor of Nursing Practice	34
Doctor of Nursing Pracrice - Anesthesia	81
Doctor of Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner	62
Doctor of Nursing Practice - Psychiatric Mental Health	32
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	111
Doctor of Physical Therapy	151
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	105
Podiatry Bridge to Medicine Residency	9
Total	1926



Enrolled Students, Fall 2024

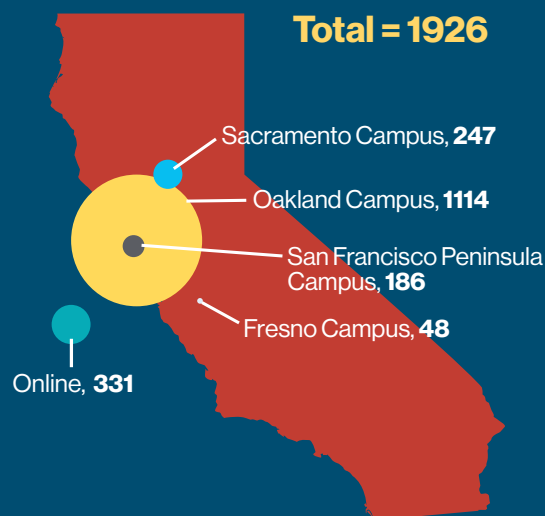


- 29% – Asian
- 25% – Hispanic
- 22% – White
- 11% – Two or More Races
- 9% – Black/African American
- 2% – Unknown
- 0.7% – Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- 0.1% – American Indian/Alaskan



- 3% – Ages 19-21
- 18% – Ages 22-24
- 32% – Ages 25-29
- 19% – Ages 30-34
- 10% – Ages 35-39
- 17% – Ages 40+

Headcount Enrollment by Campus, Fall 2024



Headcount Enrollment and FTE by Term

	Undergraduate	Certificate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
Fall 2024 headcount	735	1	605	585	1926
Fall 2024 FTE	680.7	0.8	599.3	558.8	1839.7
Spring 2025 headcount	729	6	562	580	1877
Spring 2025 FTE	665.5	6.0	555.2	514.5	1741.2

57%

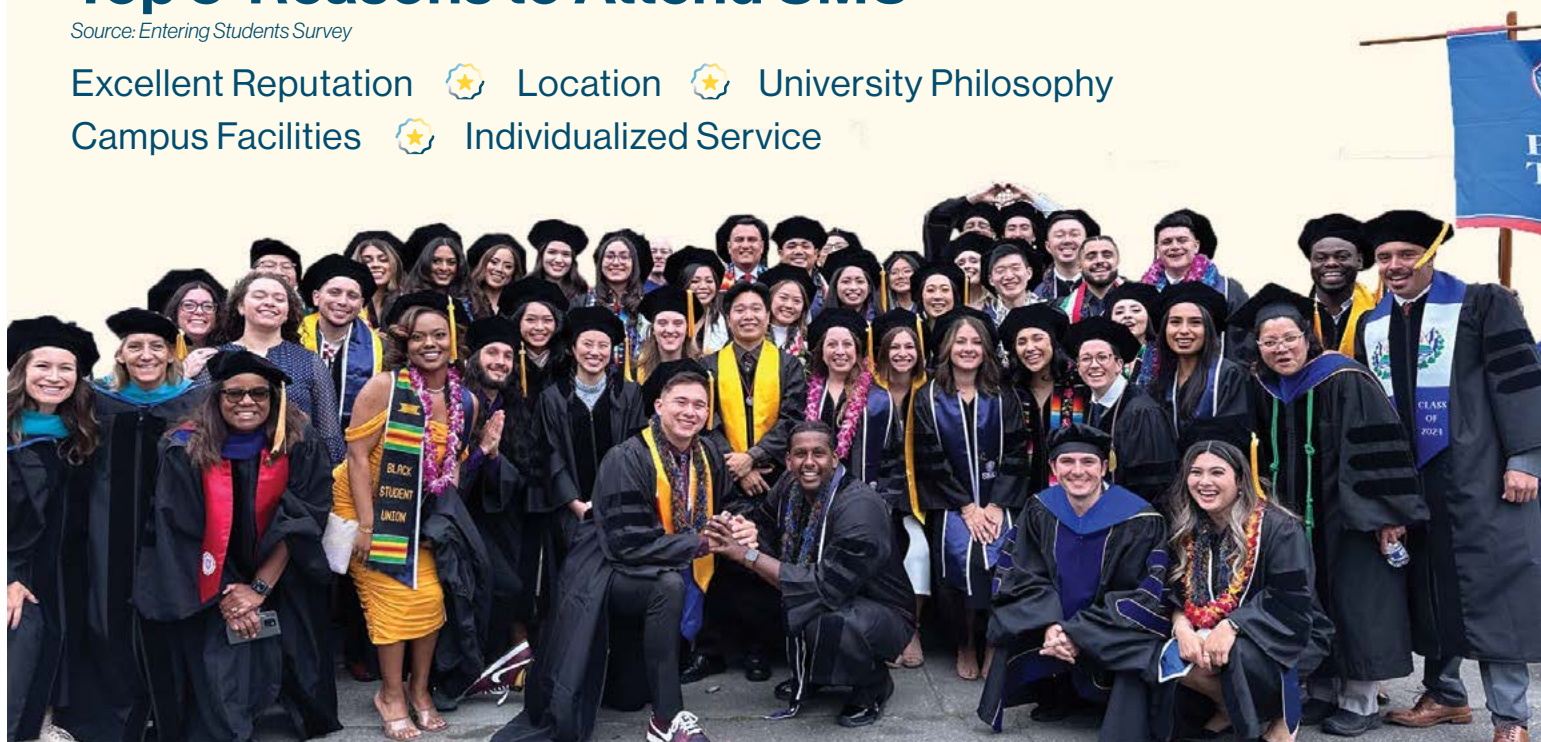
Disadvantaged Students,
Fall 2024

(A student with at least one of the categories of economically, educationally, or environmentally disadvantaged)

Top 5 Reasons to Attend SMU

Source: Entering Students Survey

Excellent Reputation 🌟 Location 🌟 University Philosophy
Campus Facilities 🌟 Individualized Service



Student Success

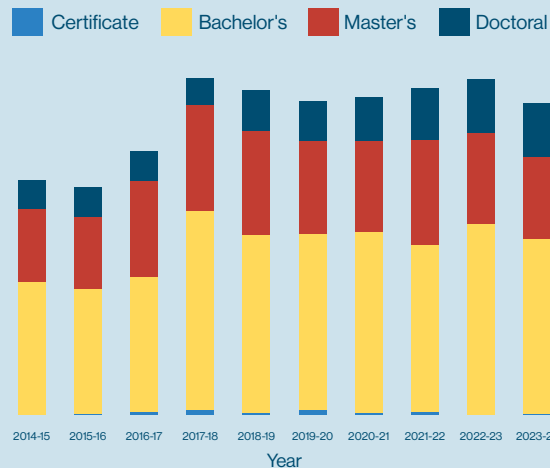
First Year Retention Rates by Program, 2023-2024 Cohort

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	93%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	95%
RN to BSN	79%
Master of Science in Nursing	74%
Master Physician Assistant	96%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	84%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	95%
Doctor of Physical Therapy	100%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	96%
All Programs	90%

Degrees Awarded, 2023-2024

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	429
RN to BSN (BSN)	78
Family Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)	2
Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management (MSN-CM)	52
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP)	102
Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia (MSN-CRNA)	27
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	13
Master Physician Assistant (MPA)	42
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	39
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)	34
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	43
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	41
Total Degrees Awarded 2023-2024	902

Degrees Awarded, 2014-2024

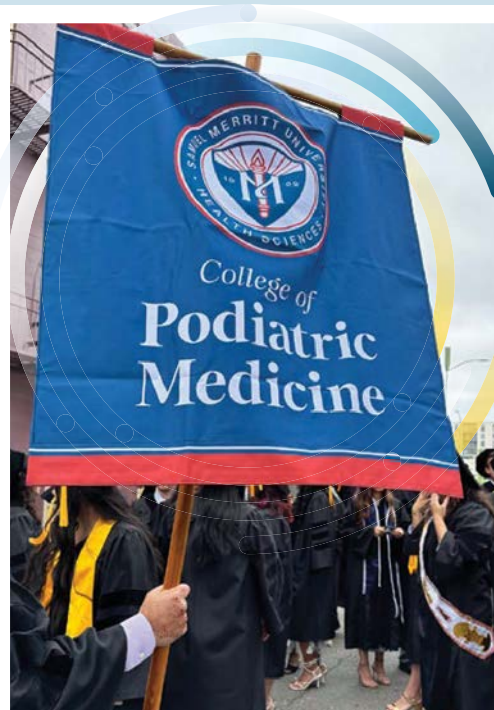


	Certificate	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral	Total
2014-2015		383	213	82	678
2015-2016	1	362	209	87	659
2016-2017	7	392	276	89	764
2017-2018	13	577	306	80	976
2018-2019	4	516	302	119	941
2019-2020	13	510	268	117	908
2020-2021	5	522	264	128	919
2021-2022	6	485	305	150	946
2022-2023		551	264	159	974
2023-2024	2	507	236	157	902

Licensure & Certification Pass Rates, 2024

	SMU	National
Bachelor of Science in Nursing/ Accelerated, Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	86%	92%
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (ANCC and AANP)	87%	83%
Doctor of Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner (ANCC and AANP)	86%	83%
Master Physician Assistant (PANCE)	78%	92%
Master of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	50%	91%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)	91%	96%
Doctor of Physical Therapy (NPTE)	79%	85%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (APMLE-PART II)	83%	88%

Table reflects first-time pass rates.



Our Graduates

3.73

Average GPA
for SMU's 2023-2024
graduating class
across all programs

90%

Average graduation rate
for the past three years

Reasons Why Students and Alumni Recommend SMU

Excellent Faculty • Rigorous Academic Programs • Strong Reputation • Community Outreach Programs

Employment Details

Source: 2023-2024 Alumni Surveys

State of
Employment



92% California
8% Outside of California

Location of
Primary Worksite



68% Urban
27% Suburban
2% Rural

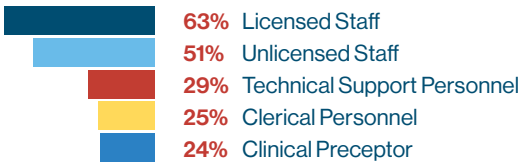
Responsibilities
in Primary Job



91% Direct Patient Care
6% Management
3% Education

Supervisory Role

Types of personnel supervised by SMU graduates:

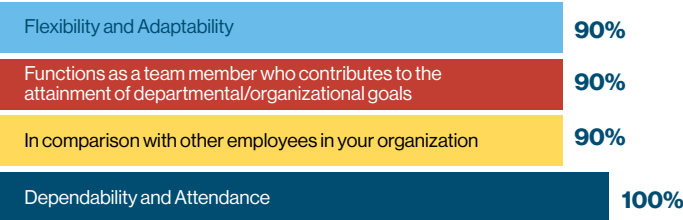


SMU recognized by The Business Journals as #2 for schools with the highest median early career pay.

(Source: <https://www.bizjournals.com/bizwomen/news/latest-news/2024/09/college-degree-salary-pay-payscale-major-cost.html>)

Employer Ratings of Graduates

% rating SMU graduates "good", "very good" or "excellent"



Source: 2023-2024 Employer Survey

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

Financials

Samuel Merritt University's endowment has a total market value of \$82.6 million which exists to support the University's students and operations long term.

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 (2023-2024)

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

\$200 to \$72,000

Range of undergraduate scholarship and grant aid

\$200 to \$46,000

Range of graduate scholarship and grant aid

\$7,101,403

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to undergraduate students

\$4,544,314

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to graduate students

84%

Undergraduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

88%

Graduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

Loans (2023-2024)

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

\$1,000 to \$130,000

Range of loans to undergraduate students

\$1,000 to \$143,000

Range of loans to graduate students

\$30.3 million

Total loan funds awarded to undergraduate students

\$60.6 million

Total loan funds awarded to graduate students

66%

Undergraduate students who received loans

73%

Graduate students who received loans

Student Employment (2023-2024)

9.76%

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

\$2,490

Average amount earned by students through work-study program

SMU Raises over \$3 Million in 2024

An anonymous East Bay doctor and his wife made a generous \$1 million gift to support SMU's new Oakland campus. Other giving highlights include new scholarship endowments from alumni Jeffrey (DPM '90) and Carolyn Chou and Kirsten Griffin (DIP '61), plus a program promoting pediatric nutritional education from the Millicent A. Zaludek Trust.

Faculty and Staff



68%

Full-time Faculty with
Terminal Degree



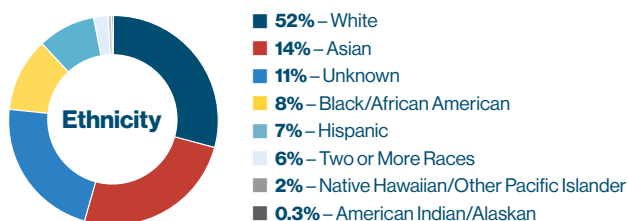
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Faculty-to-student clinical
ratio across all programs

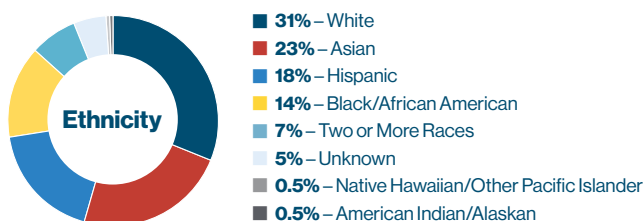
Faculty Profile, Fall 2024

	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Instructor	Adjunct Faculty
College of Nursing	6	8	65	28	154
College of Health Sciences	5	6	24	3	48
College of Podiatric Medicine	4	1	13	0	4
Health Sciences Simulation Center	1	1	5	1	0
Total	16	16	107	32	206

Faculty, Fall 2024



Staff, Fall 2024



Impact & Accomplishments

SMU Ranked Among Top 100 Health

Schools. SMU ranked among the Top 100 Best Health Schools by U.S. News & World Report in 2024, recognizing its excellence in healthcare education. Notable rankings include #61 in Nursing Anesthesia, #92 in Occupational Therapy, and #74 in Physical Therapy, reflecting SMU's commitment to a high-quality curriculum, clinical training, and experiential learning that prepares graduates for success in advancing health equity. smu.pub/smutoptop100

MSN Program Ranked Among the Top in

CA. SMU's Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) program ranked #4 in California by RegisteredNursing.org. The University underwent a rigorous evaluation process that considered key factors such as program quality, affordability, and graduate success rates. This recognition comes at a time when nursing programs across the country are striving to meet the increasing need for highly trained healthcare professionals. The program stands as a leader in preparing the next generation of nurses to make a lasting impact in their communities and healthcare institutions. smu.pub/msntop4

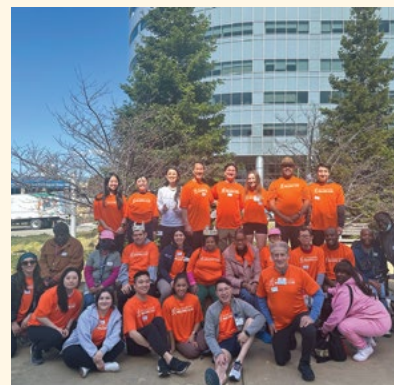
Human Trafficking Prevention Program

Wins Nursing Innovations Award. The Human Trafficking Prevention & Response Education Program (HT P.R.E.P.) received the Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). This initiative equips healthcare providers with trauma-informed training to identify and support trafficking survivors. Developed by SMU's Human Trafficking Task Force, the program has trained hundreds of professionals since 2022 and secured \$650,000 in funding to expand its impact, reinforcing SMU's leadership in advancing health equity. smu.pub/innovationsaward



Partnering with Special Olympics Northern

California. The Healthy Strides program partners with the Special Olympics Northern California to provide free mobility screenings for individuals with intellectual and developmental differences. Led by podiatry and physical therapy students, the initiative enhances community engagement by promoting inclusive healthcare and addressing mobility challenges. Students also gain invaluable hands-on experience while ensuring local Special Olympics athletes continue to practice healthy habits and train in the off-season. smu.pub/healthystrides



Other Highlights

SMU Makes Moves into New Locations in Downtown Oakland, Fresno, and San Francisco Peninsula

Reflecting our commitment to accessible, high-quality education, Samuel Merritt University is transitioning into three new state-of-the-art campuses—Fresno (2024), Oakland (2026), and San Francisco Peninsula (2026). By investing in these locations, we enhance student learning, foster innovation, and prepare graduates to meet California's growing healthcare needs, ensuring they are equipped to lead and serve diverse communities statewide.



Fresno Grand Opening

Health Sciences Simulation Center

In 2017, the Samuel Merritt University Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC) was one of the first 100 simulation centers that received the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSiH) Accreditation. The Health Sciences Simulation Center offers the opportunity for students to provide feedback after each and every simulation experience. The Fall 2024 results from 600 student responses indicates very strong evidence that students perceive simulation experiences to be effective for enhancing their clinical practice.



HSSC Student Survey

Simulation enhances my ...	Somewhat or Quite a Bit
Ability to prioritize actions	97%
Clinical assessment skills	96%
Awareness of possible patient outcomes	96%
Ability to provide safe patient care	97%
Overall sense of confidence	95%

STUDENT COMMENTS INCLUDE:

"The feedback we received and debrief was awesome. After this experience, I feel more confident, especially going into clinical."

"What worked well was communication between classmates in the simulation setting. There was better communication; I felt like it was more comfortable and familiar."

"The actor portrayed the symptoms well; they stimulated my critical thinking and application of knowledge and skills."

SMU Libraries

Books/
Monographs
8,753

Bound
Journals
16,935

Electronic
Journals
714

Audio/Video
Materials
104

Online Subscribed
Databases
33

Electronic
Books
2,200

Motion Analysis Research Center

The Motion Analysis Research Center (MARC) offers SMU students and faculty opportunities to collaborate in a state-of-the-art research and teaching facility for the study of human motion. The Center has active partnerships with private companies and other universities.



Center for Community Engagement

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) fosters a multidisciplinary, equity-centered approach to community engagement that integrates community-centered research, teaching, and learning to promote a healthy community at SMU and in the broader health sciences field. The CCE offers:

65+

volunteer opportunities out in the community each year.

1,240+

middle school and high school students engaged in health careers exploration programs and field trips.

1,800

community members engaged through our hypertension and heart health initiatives.

200+

current and future healthcare workers trained on human trafficking prevention and response. Recipient of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Innovation Award for human trafficking education.

100

students across four local high schools in Oakland Unified School District trained on opioid overdose prevention and Narcan administration at SMU's Health Sciences Simulation Center.



Accreditation

Organization	Address	Program/Facility	Last Visit	Next Visit
WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)	1001 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 402 Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9795	Institutional Accreditation for Samuel Merritt University	2020	2030
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)	6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200 Bethesda, MD 20852, 301.652.2682	Entry-level Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (MOT)	2018	2028
		Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (OTD)	2018	2029
California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)	P.O. Box 944210 Sacramento, CA 94244, 916.322.3350	Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN)	2020	2030
		Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)	2020	2030
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*	One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036, 202.887.6791	Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN)	2020	2030
		Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)	2020	2030
		Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	2017	2027
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)	American Physical Therapy Association 3030 Potomac Ave, Suite 100 Alexandria, VA 22305, 703.706.3245	Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Physical Therapy (DPT)	2017	2028
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)	222 South Prospect Avenue Park Ridge, IL 60068, 847.692.1160	Anesthesia – Doctor of Nursing Program (DNP)	2024	2034
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCPA)	12000 Findley Road, Suite 150 Johns Creek, GA 30097, 770.476.1224	Entry-level Master's Degree Program for Preparation of Physician Assistants (MPA)	2019	2029
Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)	11400 Rockville Pike, Suite 220 Rockville, MD 20852, 301.581.9200	Doctoral Degree Program in Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	2022	2027
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	333 John Carlyle Street, Suite 400 Alexandria, VA 22314, 703.683.8080	Master's Degree in Social Work**	2025	2026
Society for Simulation in Healthcare	2021 L Street, NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036, 866.730.6127	Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC)	2022	2027

*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 are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccnaccreditation.org). **The Master's Degree in Social Work has achieved candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Board of Accreditation (BOA).

Governance & Leadership

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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 certification 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.

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