

Founded in 1909



Samuel Merritt University

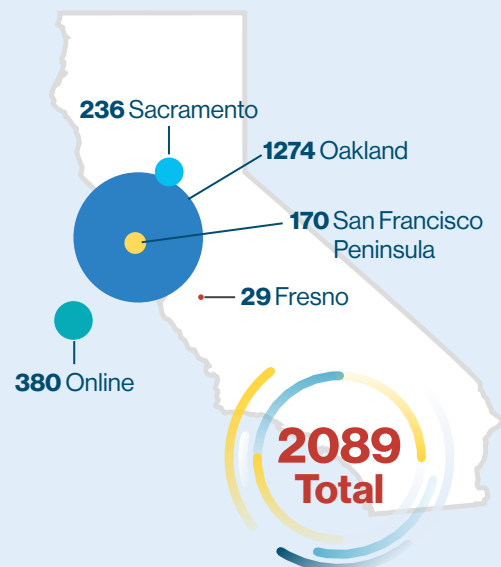
Facts 2025-2026

Inception Current Programs

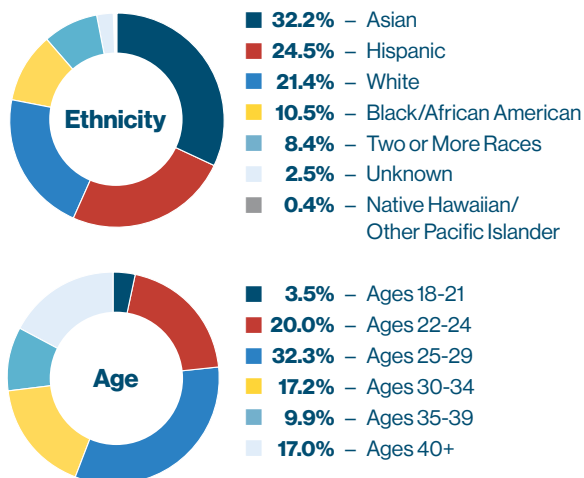
1981	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
1994	Master of Occupational Therapy
1996	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management
1996	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner
1997	Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management
1999	Master Physician Assistant
2002	Doctor 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 Nurse Anesthesia Practice
2022	Doctor of Nursing Practice - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
2023	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 - Leadership
2025	Bachelor of Health Sciences
2025	Master of Biomedical Sciences
2026	Master of Marriage and Family Therapy



Headcount Enrollment by Campus Fall 2025



Enrolled Students, Fall 2025



Headcount Enrollment by Program, Fall 2025

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	403
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	270
RN to BSN	59
Bachelor of Health Sciences	14
Undergraduate Non-Degree Seeking	9
Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner	11
Certificate - Psychiatric Mental Health	2
Certificate - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	5
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management	90
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	160
Master of Science in Nursing - Leadership	19
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	136
Master of Science in Nursing - Post Professional Case Management	3
Master of Science in Nursing - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	7
Master of Biomedical Sciences	34
Master of Health Administration	28
Master of Occupational Therapy	12
Master Physician Assistant	134
Master of Social Work	71
Doctor of Nursing Practice	48
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	82
Doctor of Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner	77
Doctor of Nursing Practice - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	35
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	115
Doctor of Physical Therapy	152
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	94
Bridge to Podiatric Residency	19
Total	2089

61%

Disadvantaged Students, Fall 2025

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





Reasons Why Students and Alumni Recommend SMU

Excellent Faculty

Rigorous Academic Programs

Strong Reputation

Community Outreach Programs

92%

Average graduation rate for the past three years

First Year Retention Rates by Program, 2024-2025 Cohort

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	94%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	97%
RN to BSN	75%
Bachelor of Health Sciences	100%
Master of Science in Nursing	93%
Master of Health Administration	47%
Master of Occupational Therapy	100%
Master Physician Assistant	100%
Master of Social Work	96%
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	100%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	89%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	97%
Doctor of Physical Therapy	98%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	85%
All Programs	93%

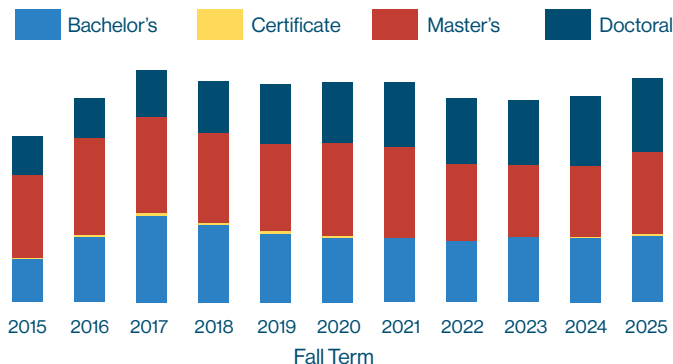
Headcount Enrollment and FTE by Term

	Undergraduate	Certificate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
Fall 2025 headcount	755	18	694	622	2089
Fall 2025 FTE	737.8	16.7	686.6	603.3	2044.4
Spring 2026 headcount	815	19	682	609	2125
Spring 2026 FTE	785.6	18.3	667.7	544.8	2016.4

3.74

Average GPA for SMU's 2024-2025 graduating class across all programs

Headcount By Degree Level, Fall 2015-2025



Fall	Bachelor's	Certificate	Master's	Doctoral	Total
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
2025	755	18	694	622	2089

Program Outcomes & Student Success

Information on SMU program outcomes and student success can be found on the program specific webpages under the three colleges.

College of Health Sciences

www.samuelmerritt.edu/colleges/college-health-sciences

College of Nursing

www.samuelmerritt.edu/colleges/college-nursing

College of Podiatric Medicine

www.samuelmerritt.edu/colleges/college-podiatric-medicine

Student Success Measures

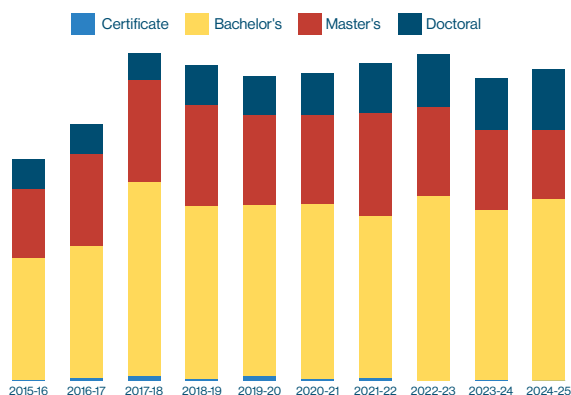
www.samuelmerritt.edu/academic-affairs/student-success/student-success-measures



Degrees Awarded, 2024-2025

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	457
RN to BSN	86
Master of Science in Nursing - Case Management	33
Master of Science in Nursing - Clinical Leadership Education	30
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner	92
Master of Health Administration	1
Master Occupational Therapy	6
Master Physician Assistant	44
Doctor of Nursing Practice	67
Doctor Occupational Therapy	31
Doctor of Physical Therapy	49
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	34
Total	930

Degrees Awarded, 2015-2025



	Certificate	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral	Total
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
2024-2025		543	206	181	930

Employment

Employer Ratings of Competencies

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

100%

Dependability and Attendance

95%

Flexibility and Adaptability

95%

Functions as a team member who contributes to the attainment of departmental/organizational goals

85%

In comparison with other employees in your organization

Source: 2024-2025 Employer Survey

Employment Details

Source: 2024-2025 Alumni Surveys

Location of Primary Worksite

60% Urban
36% Suburban
4% Rural

Responsibilities in Primary Job

94% Direct Patient Care
6% Management
6% Education

State of Employment

89% California
11% Outside of California

27%

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

26%

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

Financials

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 (2024-2025)

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

\$100 to \$77,800 | Scholarship and grant aid to undergraduates range

\$78 to \$48,700 | Scholarship and grant aid to graduate students range

\$6,718,380 | Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to undergraduate students

\$6,635,831 | Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to graduate students

87% | Undergraduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

90% | Graduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

Loans (2024-2025)

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

\$331 to \$168,000 | Loans to undergraduate students range

\$448 to \$163,000 | Loans to graduate students range

\$35.8 million | Total loan funds awarded to undergraduate students

\$69.2 million | Total loan funds awarded to graduate students

73% | Undergraduate students who received loans

73% | Graduate students who received loans

Student Employment (2024-2025)

9.74% | Full-time students who worked on campus through Work/Study program

\$2,609 | Average amount earned by students through work-study program

Samuel Merritt University's endowment has a total market value of **\$92.1 million** which exists to support the University's students and operations long term.

Major Gifts | Samuel Merritt University secured approximately \$4.1 million in private philanthropic support in FY2025, advancing the University's comprehensive campaign and strengthening support for students, academic programs, and the new Oakland campus. Major giving highlights included a \$500,000 gift from President Ching-Hua Wang in support of the new Oakland campus, a \$525,000 commitment from a board member supporting an endowed scholarship and the Student Food Pantry, and a \$350,000 gift from The Clorox Company Foundation. Together, these gifts reflect growing philanthropic investment in SMU's mission to educate the next generation of health care leaders. In 2025, total campaign support from all sources was approximately \$8.2 million, including a \$3.96 million Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant.

New Campus Update

OAKLAND



SF PENINSULA



Samuel Merritt University marked two major milestones in its 117-year history with the opening of its new Oakland campus and the relocation of its San Francisco Peninsula campus.

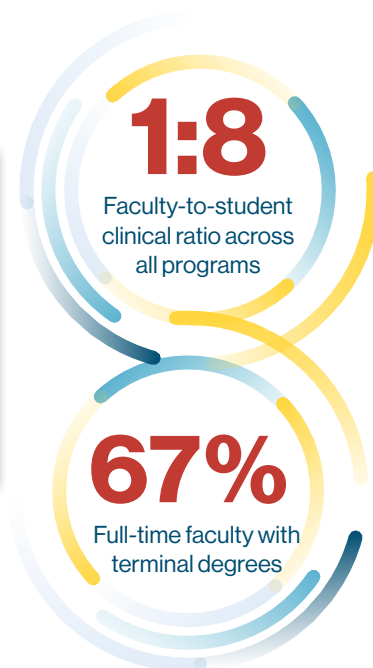
The SMU Oakland facility located at City Center features state-of-the-art classrooms, collaborative spaces, and modern simulation labs designed to enhance the educational experience and strengthen community engagement. The waterfront SMU San Francisco Peninsula campus in Foster City offers expanded space, updated classrooms, and advanced simulation labs that support student learning and collaboration. Together, these openings reinforce SMU's commitment to accessible, high-quality healthcare education across the Bay Area.



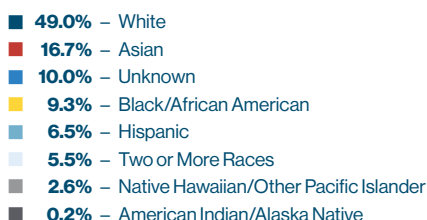
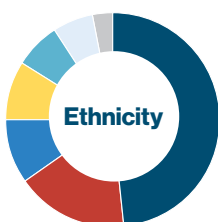


Faculty and Staff

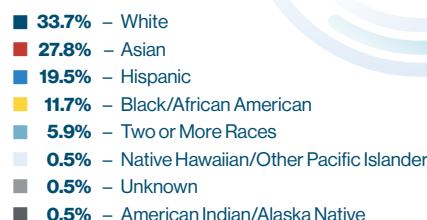
Faculty Profile, Fall 2025	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Instructor	Adjunct Faculty	Total
College of Nursing	4	8	66	25	168	271
College of Health Sciences	5	7	31	3	67	113
College of Podiatric Medicine	4	1	11		8	24
Health Sciences Simulation Center	1	1	4	1	3	10
Total	14	17	112	29	246	418



Faculty, Fall 2025



Staff, Fall 2025



Impact and Accomplishments



Oakland Roots and SMU Launch First-of-Its-Kind Biometrics Performance Assessment for Professional Athletes. Oakland Roots SC and SMU partnered to bring the club's full professional roster to the Motion Analysis Research Center (MARC) for comprehensive movement and performance assessments. The multi-station evaluations established individualized baselines, identified movement patterns, and supported long-term athlete health. The assessments were led by faculty from the College of Podiatric Medicine and the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, with advanced podiatry and physical therapy students participating under supervision. smu.pub/SMUOaklandRootsMARC

SMU Tutoring Program Earns Esteemed Certification. Samuel Merritt University's tutoring program achieved the International Tutor Training Program Certification from the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA), a national standard of excellence for tutor training and academic support. Earning this credential after an intensive review affirms that SMU's tutoring services meet rigorous quality benchmarks and reflects the University's commitment to enhancing student success through structured, effective academic support. smu.pub/tutoring



2025 SMU Health Impact Awards Honor Students, Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Friends. Samuel Merritt University honored exceptional members of its community at the 2025 Health Impact Awards, celebrating students, alumni, faculty, and friends whose work is transforming healthcare through service, innovation, leadership, and community impact. The event highlighted remarkable contributions across healthcare fields and recognized individuals whose achievements reflect SMU's mission to advance health equity and compassionate care. smu.pub/HealthImpactAwards-25

UC Berkeley Extension and SMU Launch Streamlined BSN Pathway. UC Berkeley Extension and SMU partnered to create a streamlined pathway to SMU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. This collaboration provides a tailored approach for students to transition from UC Berkeley Extension coursework into SMU's BSN program, supporting a smoother, accelerated academic journey and expanding access to nursing education. The partnership reflects both institutions' shared commitment to preparing the next generation of nurses. smu.pub/UCBerkeleySMUPartnership



Other Highlights

**SMU Libraries
2025-2026**

Books/
Monographs
4,879

Bound
Journals
6,120

Electronic
Journals
716

Audio/Video
Materials
47

Online Subscribed
Databases
34

Electronic
Books
2,010

Health Sciences Simulation Center

In 2017, the Samuel Merritt University Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC) was one of the first 100 simulation centers to receive the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) Accreditation. The HSSC offers opportunities for students to practice in realistic scenarios, think critically, empathize, address health equity, reflect on their actions, and receive constructive feedback to prepare them for their future practice as healthcare workers. The 2024-2025 results from post-simulation event student responses indicate 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	97%
Awareness of possible patient outcomes	97%
Ability to provide safe patient care	97%
Overall sense of confidence	95%

Student comments include:

"It was good and I'm grateful for this before my real encounters with patients."

"Believing that it was a real situation helped me the most. I was able to think critically and apply my knowledge accordingly."

"I appreciated the debriefing/feedback, I felt it was significantly helpful walking us through the case, the various roles and how we could improve in our roles."

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 healthy communities at SMU and in the broader health sciences field. The CCE offers:

2,000

community members engaged through our hypertension and community health programs

1,000+

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



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.

90+

volunteer opportunities in the community each year.

100

students across 4 local high schools in Oakland Unified School District trained on opioid overdose prevention and Narcan administration at SMU's Health Sciences Simulation Center.

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)	7501 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814, 301.652.6611	Entry-level Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (MOT)	2018	2028
		Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (OTD)	2024	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)*	655 K Street NW, Suite 750 Washington DC, 20001, 202.887.6791	Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN), Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN), and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	2020	2030
		Post-Graduate APRN Certificate	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)	10275 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 906 Rosemont, IL 60018, 847.692.1160	Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP)	2024	2034
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCPA)	3325 Paddocks Parkway, Suite 345 Suwanee, GA 30024, 770.476.1224	Entry-level Master's Degree Program for Preparation of Physician Assistants (MPA)	2021	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	2026	2034
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.ccneaccreditation.org).



Samuel Merritt University

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.

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.

Governance & Leadership

President and CEO

Ching-Hua Wang, MD, PhD

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