The College of Health Science Welcomes the Future A Class of 202

Western University of Health Sciences Overview

Western University of Health Sciences (Westerns a non-profit, independent, academic health center, founded as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in 1907 TedL on 22 acres in Pomona, California, 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles in the Pomona Valley, the founding mission of the institution was to educate primary care osteopathic physicians for the western United States. Over the past disceades, Westernhas preserved and enhanced its mission, expanding it to include educational programs in the health sciences, graduate nursing, veterinary medicine, optometry, dentistry, and podiatedicine.

The PA program started in 1990 with a class of six students. Today the program admits a class of 98 students each year and many alumni are working in every medical specialty. In 2003, the university welcomed the first class of 86 students to its College of Veterinary Medicine, the first and only college of veterinary medicine in Southern California. In 2009, Western University added three new colleges: College of Dental Medicollege of Optometry, and College of Podiatric Medicine.

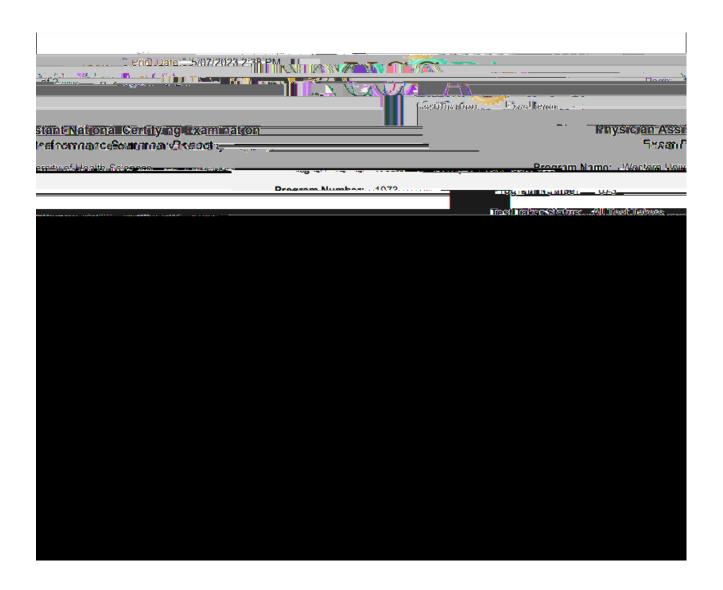
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Program Competencies

Medical Knowledge(MK):

Graduates of the WesternU PA program will be able to apply comprehensive knowledge of biologic and clinical sciences to provide acute, chronic, urgent, and emergent, patiented care to include women's health, prenatal care, and care across the life span (infants, children, adolescents, adult, and the elderly).

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The Interview Process

Interviews at Westeth are meant to be an exchange of information in a welcoming environment. It is an experience that is to be both positive and enjoyable for applicants. Our interviews are never meant to be threatening nor confrontational in any way. Applicants have been selected by the admissions committed example they exemplify those qualities that we feel are important in the health care professionals whom we educate.

We understand that the applicants are also making choices regarding the professional school that they will attend. Our goal is to inform the applicants of the educational programs provided to assist them, the state of the art facilities that are available applicants, and demonstrate to potential students hat we are "living our values" so that we are here for our students and for each other. This is what makes Westebra special place to learn.

General Applicant Information

- We receive approximately 1,800 applications aexopect to conduct approximately 400 interviews to fill a class of 98 students.
- Interviews will be conducted November 2023March 2024.

Orientation

The interview day has been organized to allow candidates to obtain information on the university, our program student life, and support service encourage you to watch the pre recorded videos found on our Online Interview website

<u>Interview</u>

- The average interview is approximally 20minutes. Candidates are asked questional will not have an opportunity to discuss their application or desire to become a PA. This information was provided in the application.
- The interview panel may be comprised of the following: admissions committee member, faculty member, localPAs, university administration, and/ocurrent student/alumni of WesternU

Admissions Decisions

- Following the interview, applicants are placed in one of tbæegories: Accept, Alternate, or Not Accepted
- Candidates are notified by meail of the committee's decision. Status notification all categories will be emailed by late March. If you have not received notification of your status by mid-March, please feel free to contact the Admissions of two e. cannot provide status information by phone or by email. Candidates must wait for the official leto be sent by the program to learn of any changes to their status.
- A satisfactory background check, updated official transcripts, historlyy&ical information, and titer resultaire required of all accepted studepritor to orientation week
- Applicants selected asternates may be offered a seat in the class as late as the week before orientation (late July/early August).

Questions

If you have questions regarding your application, please contact your Admissions Counselor by phone or email (please refer to page 20 for contact information).

Accept Status Information

Deposit

For PA applicants accepted to Westerthe acceptance deposit is \$1,000, payamblewo payments. The first deposit of \$500 is dwithin two weeksafter notification of acceptance. The remaining \$500 is due within two weekster payment of the first deposit. The exception is for those accepted in late July and/or early August. In this case, the full \$1,000 deposit is due within 24 hours of our making the offer. This depoisitnon-refundable.

In Progress Coursework & Degree

CurriculumOrganization

Year 1

Phase I, First	Year, Fall Semester	
Course	Title	Credit Hours

Year 2

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Phase II, Second Year, Fall Semester			
Course	Title	Credit Hours	
PA6020	SeniorSeminarl	2.50	
###	ClinicaRotations(4 rotations)	12.00	
PA6970	AppliedClinicaProjectl	1.00	
	Semester Total:	15.50	
Phase			

- Primary Care III (family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, community health, geriatrics, women's health, urgent care)
- Selective I
- Selective II

Rotation Sites

We proudly offer our students more than 500 rotation sites in a variety of settings, including one of the largest county hospitals in the nation: Arrowhead Regional Medical **QeQelton**, CA. Additional sites include:

Emanate HealthCovina, CA
Kaiser Permanente Numerous Southern California Sites
Childrens Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA
St. Bernadine Medical Center, San Bernard®A
Los Alamitos Medical Center, Los Alamitos, CA
Riverside University Health System
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

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First Year

ClassTime: The majority of your class time is spent in lecture and clinical labs. You will develop and fine-tune your clinical and critical thinking skills in lecture and laboratory experiences. Studying: Studying often consists of application and synthesis of information contained in lectures, handouts, class notes, case studies, and assigned reading. Volunteer Clinical Experience: You will have the opportunity to gain clinical experience throughout the year in club and volunteer settings. Chances are you will work with WesternU students from other programs to provide care to disadvantaged patients in the Pomona area. Please note, this experience has been curtailed by the COVID pandemic.

SecondYear

Clinical Rotations: In the second year you will work with site preceptors, rotating through different clinics and hospitals. With 11 months of rotations and more than 500 established rotation sites, you can gain experience in a variety of settings with a primary care focus. Rotations can include performing procedures as well as monthly lectures to keep you up to date on current events and techniques.

Studying: While focusing on clinical rotations, you will continue to read, research topics covered

PersonalCompetencies or Admission and Matriculation

A candidate for admission to the PA program must possess, or be able to achieve through a reasonable accommodation, certain sensory and motor functions, that would enable the individual to carry out the activities described in the sections that follow. Upnoatriculation to the program, the student must continue to possess, or be able to achieve through reasonable accommodation, the personal competencies outlined below throughout their progression in the PA program. Graduation from the program signifies tha the individual is prepared for entry into clinical practice or into postgraduate training programs. Therefore, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of diagnostic and therapeutic care. The candidate must be able to integrate consistently, quickly, and accurately - all information received by whatever sense(s) are employed. In addition, they must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

This program requires the performance of specificential functions which include, but are not limited to, the following: observation; communication; motor; intellectual, conceptual, integrative, and quantitative; and behavioral and social.

For candidates ortudents who require areasonable accommodation meet the competencies utlined below, please contact the Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policipi(HP) at Disability Accommodations (enail) or (909) 469-5297 or visit the CDHP web site.

Under all circumstances, a candidate or student should be able to perform the following in a reasonably independent manner, with or without reasonable accommodation:

Observation

Candidates and students ordinarily must have sufficient vision to be able to observe demonstrations,

Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative, nd Quantitative Abilities

Theseabilities include measurement; alculation, reasoning analysis and synthesis Problems olving, the critical intellectual skill demanded of a physician assistant, requires all these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehen differencesional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of statures.

BehavioralandSocialAbilities

Candidate and students must posses the emotional health required for full utilization of the intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the

Overview of the WesternU Financial Aid Process

Welcome! The information below is to provide you with a quick overview on how financial aid is processed at <u>our office</u> Please visit our website <u>at https://www.westernu.edu/finapwilaich</u> has a lot of useful information.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at finaid@westernu.eduWe look forward to assisting you!

Applying for Aid –

THE PROCESS

Step 1: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for submission annually each October
 1st.
- Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
- This FSA ID is used to sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. If you have an existing FSA ID, you are not required to create another one.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAt)ps://fafsa.ed.gov/
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Alternative Loan

- Eligible students are International, DACA, and those eligible to borrow ED loans.
- International students must secure a U.S. Citizen co-signer to obtain funding.
- Requires a credit check and is based on credit worthiness. Unlike ED's Loan program, approval is not guaranteed. The lending institutions determine interest rates of which there is no cap. Some

Financial Aid Student Budgets are Subject to Change

- Information is updated annually at the end of March.
 Please visi<u>https://www.westernu.edu/financial/financial-budg</u>for/details.

2023/2024 Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Budget					
Tuition and Fees	Tuition and Fees First Year Second Year				
	(12 Months) (11 Months)				
Tuition	\$				

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AFFAIRS – SUPPORT SERVICES ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) http://www.westernu.edu/lead/leadbout/

The LEAD office is student-oriented. It serves as an important resource, partnership and support system for students. LEAD counselors are dedicated to assist students in developing their academic, professional and personal students.

Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP)

This program offeAt 6S.76 1ifact BMC 49.TJ 6lemental group academic instruction for students. Instruction is facili competent peer tutors.

Academic Counseling

In one-onene academic counseling sessions, students can improve their competencies in a range of areas,

Student identification badges must be worn at all timesile on campus, and entry into buildings may be denied without proper ID.

<u>Health Insurance</u> <u>http://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registationinformation/studenthealthinsurance/</u>

Useful Links

About the MSPA program (program overview, accreditation) tuition refund policy) https://www.westernu.edu/healstoiences/mspas/mspas-indicators/

University catalog (includes requirements and course descriptions) https://www.westernu.edu/media/registrar/202024-catalogchs-mspas-1.pdf

Information on Clinical Experiences
https://prospective.westernu.edu/healthiences/mspa/clinicalxperience/

Interprofessional Education at WesternU https://www.westernu.edu/interprofessional/

