

Education and Workforce Sub-Committee Report Total Number of PA Programs accredited PA Programs: 267 Total Number of PA programs in development: 43 CA Current Accredited PA Programs: 16 CA Developing Programs: 6 Geographic distribution: LA/SD area: 13 Bay area: 4 Sacramento/Central Valley: 2 Central Coast: 2 School	# of students per cohort
A.T. Still University, Central Coast (developing)	100
California Baptist University	30
CSU Monterey Bay (provisional)	33
Chapman University	50
Charles R. Drew University	26
Dominican University (provisional)	30
Keck Graduate Institute (developing)	?*
Loma Linda University	36
Marshall B. Ketchum University	40
Point Loma Nazarene University (provisional)	30
Samuel Merritt University (probation)	44
Southern California University of Health Sciences (provisional, probation)	50
Stanford University	29
Touro University – California	48
Touro University – Worldwide (online, developing)	?*
University of California-Davis	65
University of LaVerne (provisional)	30
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (developing)	40
University of Southern California	60
University of the Pacific	45
West Coast University – Orange (developing)	?*
Western University of Health Sciences	98
16 Programs: Current Annual Capacity	884
Average Number of Students Per Program	46
22 Programs: Estimated Annual Capacity	1019*

CA has the highest number of applicants to PA programs in the US, however the lowest ratio of numbers of applicants to available seats. We are likely to see continued growth of PA programs in CA.¹ The number of PA programs in CA has doubled in the last 5 years, and currently has 50% growth projected based the number of developing programs.

Sources: <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation/accredited-programs/>, accessed 4/14/2021
<http://www.arc-pa.org/applicant-programs/>, accessed 4/14/2021
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*The national average of 45 students per cohort is used to calculate numbers where planned cohort size is not available from developing programs.

Accreditation Status:

Developing: Not accepting students and are in the active development of a PA program but meet basic accreditation requirements and have been approved by the accrediting body to apply for accreditation.

Provisional: Are planning to enroll students within a year, or have currently enrolled at least the first cohort of students. Provisional accreditation extends throughout enrollment of the first cohort and may last up to 5 years with multiple site visits by the accrediting body.

Continuing: ongoing accreditation for programs that have progressed from provisional status.

Probation: program is not meeting accreditation standards. This status may last for up to two years.