

| Education and Workforce Sub-Committee Report Total Number of accredited PA Programs: 322 Total Number of CA Accredited PA Programs: 20 Number on Probation: 0 Number Provisionally Accredited: 5 Number Developing Programs: 3 | Geographic distribution: LA/SD/IE area: 15 Bay area: 4 Sacramento/Central Valley: 1 Central Coast: 0 |
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| School | Number of Students per Cohort |
| A.T. Still University, Central Coast | 90 |
| California Baptist University | 60 |
| Chamberlain University (developing) | TBD |
| Chapman University | 50 |
| Charles R. Drew University | 26 |
| Dominican University of California | 40 |
| Keck Graduate Institute (provisional) | 40 |
| Loma Linda University | 38 |
| Marshall B. Ketchum University | 40 |
| Pepperdine University (developing) | TBD |
| Point Loma Nazarene University (provisional) | 34 |
| Samuel Merritt University | 44 |
| Southern California University of Health Sciences | 50 |
| Stanford University | 50 |
| Touro University – Vallejo | 48 |
| Touro University – LA (provisional) | 45 |
| University of California-Davis | 65 |
| University of California-San Diego (provisional) | 30 |
| University of Southern California | 60 |
| University of the Pacific | 45 |
| University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (developing) | TBD |
| West Coast University – (provisional) | 50 |
| Western University of Health Sciences | 98 |
| 20 Programs: Estimated Annual Capacity (including expanding cohort size of existing programs) | 1003 |
| Average Number of Students Per Program | 50 |

For graphic representation only. One developing program in the LA/SD area is not represented on this map, one undergraduate institution is represented that does not have a PA program, and one LA program is listed in the bay area. Image: PAEA.



Sources: <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation/accredited-programs/>, accessed 05/12/2026
<https://paeaonline.org/our-programs>, accessed 05/12/2026.
Program websites accessed 05/12/2026.

*The national average of 45-46 students per cohort is used to calculate numbers where the planned cohort size is unavailable from developing programs (PAEA report). Many programs do not publish cohort size.

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.

Probation, F: indicates that a program may have a [focused visit](#) prior to its next ARC-PA review