

Education and Workforce Sub-Committee Report Total Number of accredited PA Programs: 330 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
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 08/05/2026
<https://paeaonline.org/our-programs>, accessed 08/05/2026.
Program websites accessed 08/05/2026.

*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 Many programs do not publish cohort size.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