



**Marshall B.  
KETCHUM UNIVERSITY**  
School of Physician Assistant Studies

*Fullerton, California • Est. 2011*





# WHERE THE NEXT GENERATION OF GROUNDBREAKING HEALTH CARE LEADERS ARE EDUCATED

In 1904, Marshall B. Ketchum, MD, applied his training in pharmacy and optometry to start a college that would eventually become Marshall B. Ketchum University. With more than 100 years of experience training health care providers, MBKU has both the academics, resources and facilities to provide a world-class educational experience in the heart of Southern California.

The School of PA Studies program was the first accredited PA program in Orange County and boasts one of the most desirable student-to-faculty ratios in the United States. With the University-owned family medicine and eye care centers just minutes from campus, at MBKU we don't just talk about working alongside other medical professionals—we do it.









# THE CURRICULUM

The College of Health Sciences' School of Physician Assistant Studies offers a 27-month, post-baccalaureate program leading to the degree of Master of Medical Science.

The systems-based module curriculum incorporates courses taught in an organized and integrated sequence with a strong emphasis on active learning.

Low student-faculty ratios (8:1), combined with collaborative community service experiences, give the PA program a collegial, family-like atmosphere, where faculty know students by name.

*"I would describe the education that I am getting at MBKU's School of PA Studies as priceless. I have passionate professors and lecturers, and feel comfortable to approach faculty with ideas, questions and anything on my mind. They are invested in our success!"*

**AARON HUNRO, PA-S,**

CLASS OF 2020, MBKU PRE-PA MENTORSHIP CLUB CO-PRESIDENT,  
MBKU CAPA REPRESENTATIVE







*“MBKU has instilled the value of being a life-long learner in order to provide the best quality care for my future patients. The leadership certificate program has equipped me to better serve as an empowering and compassionate leader in the PA community.”*

**VICTORIA CALLAHAN, PA-S**

CLASS PRESIDENT, CLASS OF 2019





# THE PROGRAM

Innovative teaching modalities ensure students receive a top-notch education, not only to meet their board requirements, but to ensure they are prepared to deliver the highest quality patient care. Students participate in interprofessional education courses and supervised patient interactions at external rotations, including clinical rotations at Ketchum Health's Family Medicine Center, just seven miles away. Upon graduation, all students will have completed rotations in underserved areas, where thirty percent of graduates currently practice.

## CLINICAL ROTATIONS

During the Clinical phase, students participate in clinical education rotations with highly qualified and passionate preceptors who provide valuable mentoring and hands-on experiences in eight different clinical settings: pediatrics, family medicine, primary care, general surgery, women's health, behavioral health, emergency medicine, and internal medicine, plus an elective setting. All students will complete rotations in an underserved area, fulfilling the goal of caring for California's underserved communities.

## MASTER'S CAPSTONE PROJECT

Under the guidance of a faculty advisor, students use evidence-based principles to identify a health-care need within the community and develop and implement a project to help mitigate the need.





# ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

MBKU's School of PA Studies require a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, or an equivalent institution. To be considered for admission, all applicants must complete an application through CASPA and necessary prerequisite requirements.

## PREREQUISITE COURSES\* *minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units:*

- **Microbiology with lab**
- **Human Anatomy with lab**
- **Human Physiology with lab**
- **Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry** (lab not required)
- **Genetics** (lab not required)
- **Statistics**
- **General Psychology**
- **Biological sciences, any area**

## MINIMUMS FOR MOST APPLICANTS

- Overall GPA: 3.0
- Science GPA: 3.0
- 1,000 hours of verifiable, direct, hands-on patient care experience
- (3) letters of recommendation required
- Supplemental Application \*available on CASPA
- GRE not required
- Community service

*All coursework prerequisites must be completed at a regionally accredited institution in the U.S. or Canada.*

*Only Human Anatomy with lab and Human Physiology with lab must be taken within the last seven years.*

*This does not apply for the other courses. Completion of admissions requirements and coursework prerequisites does not guarantee an interview or admission to the program.*

## AT A GLANCE

# 100%

*PANCE pass rate*

FOR THE FIRST  
3 GRADUATING  
CLASSES WITH  
EXPECTED  
CONTINUED  
SUCCESS

# 8:1

*student  
faculty ratio*

*job placement*

# 100%

EMPLOYMENT  
WITHIN  
6 MONTHS

## Clinical rotation settings

*family medicine,  
pediatrics,  
general surgery,  
emergency  
department,  
women's health,  
behavioral  
medicine,  
internal medicine*

PLUS AN  
ELECTIVE  
SETTING

# 40

*average  
class size*

# PA-led

*family practice clinic*

AT KETCHUM HEALTH

*Statistics from the 2018-19 academic year.*





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A traditional collegial campus environment, Marshall B. Ketchum University is centrally located near all major Southern California freeways in the city of Fullerton, CA. Located in a community committed to education, accessible parking is available, and about 50% of students live within a one-mile walk of campus. Plenty of nearby activities and industry opportunities for work and play are within minutes.

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| A Ketchum Health           | F Honda Center                   |
| B John Wayne Airport (SNA) | G Segerstrom Center for the Arts |
| C Disneyland Resort        | H Newport Beach                  |
| D Knott's Berry Farm       | I Huntington Beach               |
| E Angel Stadium            | J Long Beach Airport (LGB)       |

### ACCREDITATION

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted **Accreditation-Continued** status to the **Marshall B. Ketchum University Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Marshall B. Ketchum University**. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be **March 2029**. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

