



Samuel Merritt University

Facts 2023-2024

Founded in 1909

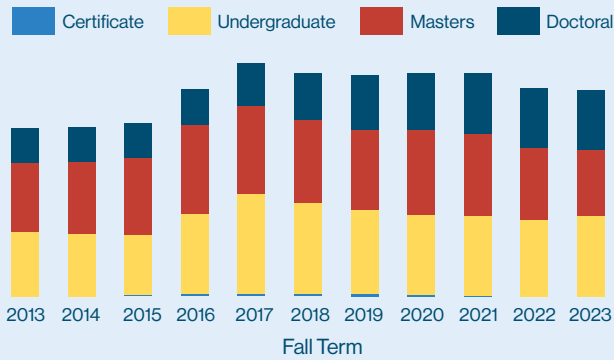
Inception	Current Programs
1981	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
1994	Master of Occupational Therapy
1996	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing – Case Management
1996	Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner
1997	Master of Science in Nursing – Post Professional Case Management
1999	Master Physician Assistant
2002	Doctor of Physical Therapy
2002	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
2005	Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing
2011	Doctor of Nursing Practice
2015	Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner
2016	RN to BSN
2016	Doctor of Occupational Therapy
2022	Doctor of Nursing Practice – Anesthesia
2022	Doctor of Nursing Practice – Psychiatric Mental Health
2023	Master of Science in Nursing – Clinical Leadership Education
2023	Master of Social Work
2024	Bridge to Podiatric Residency
2024	Master of Health Administration
2024	Bachelor of Health Sciences



Students



Headcount By Degree Level, Fall 2013-2023



Year	Certificate	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
2013		589	636	317	1542
2014		574	658	321	1553
2015	7	556	704	326	1593
2016	18	738	820	331	1907
2017	18	919	808	396	2141
2018	15	843	756	440	2054
2019	23	768	736	502	2029
2020	10	736	783	521	2050
2021	4	728	763	553	2048
2022		704	655	552	1911
2023		741	607	546	1894

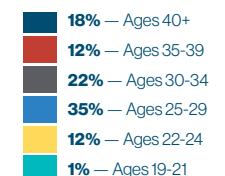
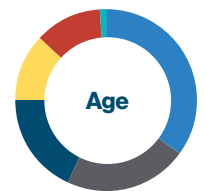
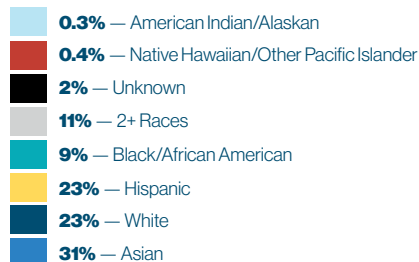
Headcount Enrollment by Program, Fall 2023

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	312
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	255
RN to BSN	145
Undergraduate non-degree seeking	29
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing – Case Management	112
Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner	156
MSN – Clinical Leadership Education	25
Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner Online	119
Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Anesthesia	27
Master of Science in Nursing – Post Professional Case Management	1
Master of Occupational Therapy	19
Master Physician Assistant	131
Master of Social Work	17
Doctor of Nursing Practice	31
Doctor of Nursing Practice – Anesthesia	54
Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner	64
Doctor of Nursing Practice – Psychiatric Mental Health	19
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	108
Doctor of Physical Therapy	144
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	126
Total	1894

Headcount Enrollment and FTE by Term

	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral	Total
Fall 2023 headcount	741	607	546	1894
Fall 2023 FTE	661.80	589.33	526.00	1777.13
Spring 2024 headcount	773	512	533	1818
Spring 2024 FTE	679.20	496.83	474.42	1650.45

Enrolled Students, Fall 2023



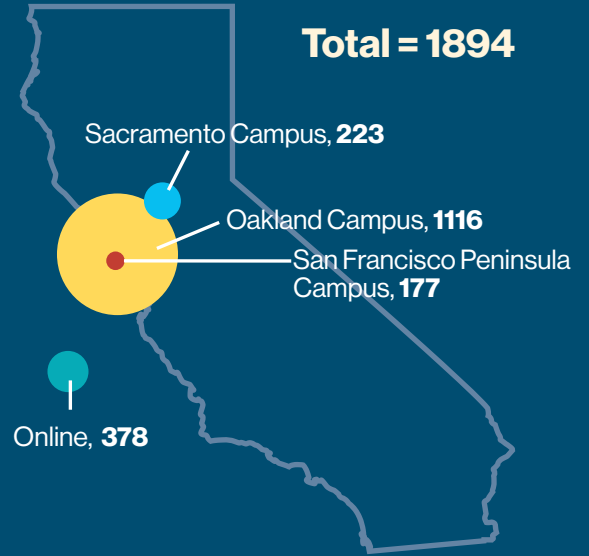


54%

Disadvantaged Students

(A student with at least one of the categories of economically, educationally, or environmentally disadvantaged)

Headcount Enrollment by Campus, Fall 2023



Student Satisfaction with Academic Experience

Likert scale 1 to 5 (student satisfaction/agreement)



SMU embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and takes actions to address DEI issues



Instructors in my program are accessible and supportive



My program is preparing me to succeed in the profession

Source: Student Climate Survey

TOP 5 REASONS TO ATTEND SMU

- Excellent Reputation
- Location
- University Philosophy
- Campus Facilities
- Individualized Service

Source: Entering Students Survey



Student Success

First Year Retention Rates by Program, 2023-2024 Cohort

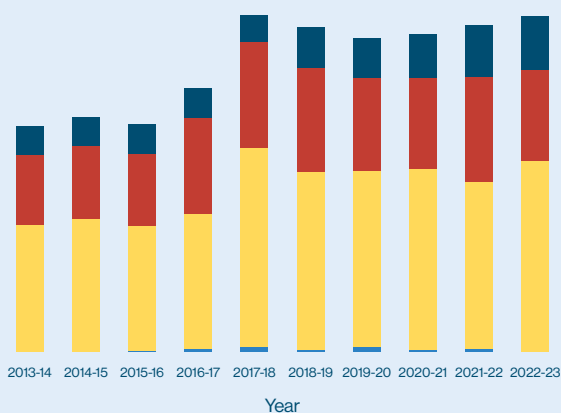
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	97%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	99%
RN to BSN	82%
Master of Science in Nursing	86%
Master Physician Assistant	100%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	81%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	95%
Doctor of Physical Therapy	96%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	87%
All Programs	92%

Degrees Awarded, 2022-2023

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	505
RN to BSN (BSN)	46
Master of Science in Nursing – Case Management (MSN-CM)	44
Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP)	146
Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Anesthesia (MSN-CRNA)	26
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	9
Master Physician Assistant (MPA)	39
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	44
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)	31
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	45
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	39
Total Degrees Awarded 2022-2023	974

Degrees Awarded, 2013-2023

■ Certificate
 ■ Bachelor's
 ■ Master's
 ■ Doctoral



	Certificate	Bachelors	Masters	Doctoral	Total
2013-2014		367	202	84	653
2014-2015		383	213	82	678
2015-2016	1	362	209	87	659
2016-2017	7	392	276	89	764
2017-2018	13	577	306	80	976
2018-2019	4	516	302	119	941
2019-2020	13	510	268	117	908
2020-2021	5	522	264	128	919
2021-2022	6	485	305	150	946
2022-2023		551	264	159	974

Licensure & Certification Pass Rates, 2023

	SMU	National
Bachelor of Science in Nursing/ Accelerated, Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing (NCLEX)	84%	90%
Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (ANCC and AANP**)	85%	85%
Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner (ANCC and AANP**)	80%	85%
Master Physician Assistant (PANCE)	95%	92%
Master of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT*)	91%	95%
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT*)	93%	95%
Doctor of Physical Therapy (NPTE*)	98%	95%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (APMLE- PART II*)	99%	Unavailable

(* All test-takers; (**) ANCC National Pass Rates only



Our
Graduates.

3.7

Average GPA
for SMU's 2021-2022
graduating class
across all programs

92%

Average graduation rate
for the past three years

Alumni

Employment Details

Source: 2022-2023 Alumni Surveys

State of Employment



94% California
6% Outside of California

Location of Primary Worksite



67% Urban



31% Suburban



2% Rural

Primary Job Responsibilities



91% Direct Patient Care



6% Management



3% Education

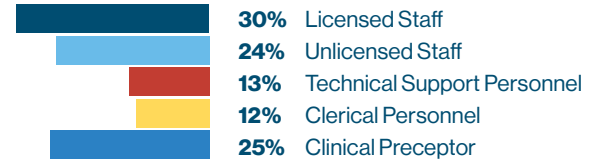
82%

Employers say that SMU graduates are "Often to Always" preferred among other candidates.

Source: 2022-2023 Employer Survey

Supervisory Role

Types of personnel supervised by SMU graduates:



26%

Graduates are employed in Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/P) designated worksites

19%

Graduates are employed in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) designated worksites

Ranked **1**

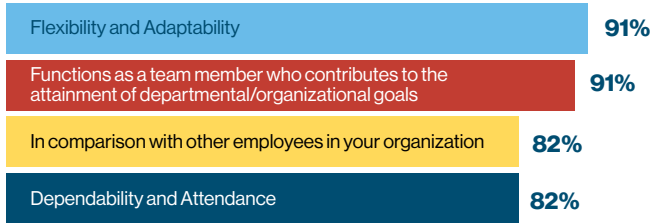
In 2021, Samuel Merritt University was ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for early-career salary prospects for graduates with a bachelor's degree, as reported by Forbes.

The New York Times highlighted SMU's exceptional performance in the Higher Education Analysis, where our graduates have achieved median incomes exceeding \$129,000 a decade after enrollment.

(Source: www.nytimes.com/2024/03/01/your-money/college-degree-graduate-income.html)

Employer Ratings of Graduates

% rating SMU graduates "very good or excellent".



Source: 2022-2023 Employer Survey

Reasons Why Students and Alumni Recommend SMU

Excellent Faculty • Rigorous Academic Programs • Simulation Experiences
Strong Reputation • Individualized Experience

Financials

Samuel Merritt University has over \$44 million in endowment funds available for the benefit of students and university operations.

Application Process | Priority filing date for FAFSA: March 2. FAFSA accepted on a rolling basis. Notification of awards on a rolling basis beginning April 1.

Scholarships and Grants (2022-2023)

Types: Federal (Pell, SEOG), State (Cal Grants A and B), college, and private grants; Federal, state, college, and private scholarships; Merit and need-based scholarships

\$500 to \$70,000

Range of undergraduate scholarship and grant aid

\$500 to \$41,000

Range of graduate scholarship and grant aid

\$7,059,092

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to undergraduate students

\$3,247,543

Total scholarship and grant aid awarded to graduate students

88%

Undergraduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

88%

Graduate students who received some form of financial aid/assistance

Loans (2022-2023)

Types: Stafford, NSL, PLUS, Perkins, HPSL, state, school, private; deferred payment plans are available

\$1,000 to \$120,000

Range of loans to undergraduate students

\$1,000 to \$136,0000

Range of loans to graduate students

\$28.9 million

Total loan funds awarded to undergraduate students

\$59.7 million

Total loan funds awarded to graduate students

68%

Undergraduate students who received loans

74%

Graduate students who received loans

Student Employment (2022-2023)

8.58%

Full-time students who worked on campus through Work/Study program

\$1,834

Average amount earned by students through Work/Study program



SMU College of Podiatric Medicine Receives \$1 Million Donation

The late Dr. William Lowe, DPM '57, and his wife Phyllis donated \$1 million to Samuel Merritt University's College of Podiatric Medicine. The gift will support construction of a new campus in downtown Oakland, which will also serve as the new home of the College. smu.pub/CPMdonation

Faculty and Staff



70%

Full-time Faculty with Terminal Degree



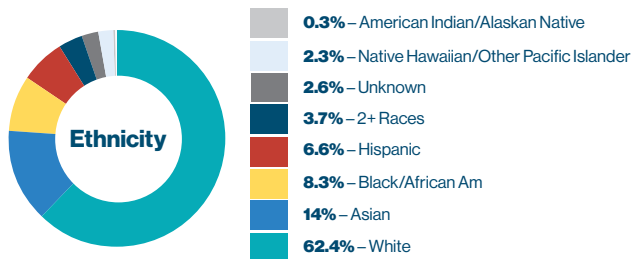
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Faculty-to-student clinical ratio across all programs

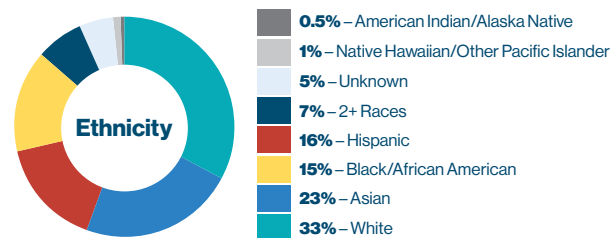
Faculty Profile, Fall 2023

	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Instructor	Adjunct Faculty
College of Nursing	5	11	61	22	123
College of Health Sciences	7	6	22	6	59
College of Podiatric Medicine	3		12		6
Health Sciences Simulation Center	1	1	6		
Total	16	18	101	28	188

Faculty, Fall 2023



Staff, Fall 2023



Student/Faculty Clinical and Community Service Collaborations

1 Bridging the Medication Gap. SMU nursing students played a crucial role in providing access to essential medications for the marginally housed residents of San Francisco. **Dr. Elizabeth Sibson-Tuan's** Connect to Meds pilot program was launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to help mitigate health disparities. Through this initiative, student nurses personally delivered prescriptions to patients, effectively decreasing their reliance on emergency rooms while gaining invaluable clinical experience. smu.pub/bridging-medication-gap

2 Samuel Merritt University and Sutter Health Launch Nation's First Health Equity Nursing Fellowship. SMU partnered with Sutter Health to launch a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Fellowship, aimed at nurturing health equity leaders. The fellowship, supported by Sutter's Institute for Advancing Health Equity and SMU's Ethnic Health Institute, offers compensated opportunities for doctoral candidates to conduct research at Sutter Health sites. **Irene Arroyo-Romero, DNP '25**, the inaugural fellow, plans to focus on medication adherence among the Latinx community. smu.pub/1st-health-equity-nursing



Lisa Vu, ELMSN-CM '23, learns about her patient's medical history and medication needs.



(l-r): Alan Statman, Trustee of the Zaludek Trust, with SMU staff Penny Peak, Sam Alavi-Irvine, Monica Uriarte, and SMU President Ching-Hua Wang

3 U.S. News & World Report recognized SMU as a leading institution for graduate health education. The 2023-2024 Best Graduate School Rankings feature SMU with high marks: the Physician Assistant program ranked second in the category of Best Health Care Jobs. Additionally, the University's programs in Nursing – Anesthesia, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Doctor of Nursing Practice, were all commended. smu.pub/bestgradschool

4 New Maternal Health and Birth Equity Program Launches at Samuel Merritt University with \$1.5 Million Grant. SMU received a \$1.75 million grant from the Millicent A. Zaludek Revocable Living Trust, targeting health equity in the San Francisco Bay Area. The grant comprises a \$1.5 million endowment for maternal health, \$150,000 for trafficking survivors' scholarships, and \$100,000 for reintegration programs for ex-inmates in healthcare careers. Led by SMU's Center for Community Engagement and Ethnic Health Institute, initiatives aim to enhance community health and empower healthcare professionals. smu.pub/MHBEprogram

Other Highlights

Samuel Merritt University Breaks Ground on New Campus in Downtown Oakland

Construction on a new flagship campus has begun in downtown Oakland. This initiative aligns with SMU's vision to expand enrollment and deepen community engagement. With plans to double student intake, the \$259 million project, in partnership with Strada Investment Group, promises cutting-edge facilities and a significant boost to healthcare education. Scheduled to open in January 2026, the campus signifies SMU's commitment to advancing healthcare and revitalizing Oakland. [smu.pub/new-campus-Downtown-Oakland](#)



Health Sciences Simulation Center

In 2017, The Samuel Merritt University Health Sciences Simulation Center was one of the first 100 simulation centers that received the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSiH) Accreditation.



The Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC) offers the opportunity for students to provide feedback after each and every simulation experience. The Fall 2022 results from over 500 student responses, indicates very strong evidence that students perceive simulation experiences to be effective for enhancing their clinical practice.



HSSC Student Survey

Simulation enhances my ...	Agree or Strongly Agree
Ability to prioritize actions	97%
Clinical assessment skills	94%
Awareness of possible patient outcomes	97%
Ability to provide safe patient care	98%
Overall sense of confidence	97%

STUDENT COMMENTS INCLUDE:

"I loved learning with this hands-on experience"

"I really liked our debriefs and receiving feedback from the standardized patients, faculty, and my peers. It really helped contribute to my learning and my confidence should I come across a similar real-life situation"

"I truly enjoyed this experience and felt that it was extremely helpful for my future learning and practice"

Motion Analysis Research Center

The Motion Analysis Research Center (MARC) offers SMU students and faculty opportunities to collaborate in a state-of-the-art research and teaching facility for the study of human motion. The center has active partnerships with private companies and other universities.



Center for Community Engagement

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) fosters a multidisciplinary, equity-centered approach to community engagement that integrates community-centered research, teaching, and learning to promote a healthy community at SMU and in the broader health sciences field.

55+

Events out in the community

1500

middle school and high school students from underrepresented backgrounds engaged in health careers exploration programs and field trips

4,200

Community members served through health education and screenings

\$3.8 Million

in grant funds secured to address health inequities



700+

Community members engaged through our hypertension and heart health initiatives



SMU Libraries 2023

Books/Monographs	13,198
Bound Journals	16,935
Electronic Journals	4,842
Audio/Video Materials	2,888
Online Subscribed Databases	33
Electronic Books	8,177

Accreditation

Organization	Address	Program/Facility	Last Visit	Next Visit
WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)	1001 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 402 Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9795	Institutional Accreditation for Samuel Merritt University	2020	2030
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)	6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200 Bethesda, MD 20852, 301.652.2682	Entry-level Master's Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (MOT)	2018	2028
		Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Occupational Therapy (OTD)	2018	2029
California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)	P.O. Box 944210 Sacramento, CA 94244, 916.322.3350	Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN)	2020	2030
		Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)	2020	2030
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)	One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036, 202.887.6791	Baccalaureate Program in Nursing (BSN)	2020	2030
		Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)	2020	2030
		Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	2017	2027
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)	American Physical Therapy Association 3030 Potomac Ave, Suite 100 Alexandria, VA 22305, 703.706.3245	Entry-level Doctoral Degree Program in Physical Therapy (DPT)	2017	2028
Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)	222 South Prospect Avenue Park Ridge, IL 60068, 847.692.1160	Master's Degree Program in Nurse Anesthesia (MSN) and Anesthesia – Doctor of Nursing Program (DNP)	2024	TBD
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARCPA)	12000 Findley Road, Suite 150 Johns Creek, GA 30097, 770.476.1224	Entry-level Master's Degree Program for Preparation of Physician Assistants (MPA)	2019	2029
Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)	11400 Rockville Pike, Suite 220 Rockville, MD 20852, 301.581.9200	Doctoral Degree Program in Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	2022	2027
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	333 John Carlyle Street, Suite 400 Alexandria, VA 22314, 703.683.8080	Master's Degree in Social Work	2024	2025
Society for Simulation in Healthcare	2021 L Street, NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036, 866.730.6127	Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC)	2022	2027

*The baccalaureate degree programs in nursing/master's degree programs in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice programs and/or post-graduate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) certificate program at Samuel Merritt University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccneaccreditation.org).

Governance & Leadership

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Sixteen-Member Board of Regents

Mission. Samuel Merritt University educates students to become highly skilled and compassionate healthcare professionals who positively transform the experience of care in diverse communities

Vision. Samuel Merritt University will become nationally recognized as a premier, multi-specialty health sciences institution. Expert faculty and staff will shape an inclusive learning environment where all students experience best teaching practices and state-of-the-art learning approaches. The University will select and support students who will flourish in the rigorous academic programs, learn to practice expertly, and pass licensure or certifications examinations on first attempt.

Values. At Samuel Merritt University, we value:

- a learning environment where we challenge ourselves and our students to think critically, seek mastery, and act compassionately;
- a collegial environment where we are fair, respectful, and behave with integrity;
- a collaborative environment where we partner with one another and with others in the community;
- an innovative environment where we take reasoned risks and move nimbly;
- a results-oriented environment where we provide and expect exceptional performance and service.

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