Programmatic Accreditation

Anesthesiologist Assistant

The Master of Medical Science in Anesthesia Science Program at South University, Orlando is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant (ARC-AA). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 9355 - 113th Street North, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775.

The Master of Medical Science in Anesthesia Science Program at South University, Savannah is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant (ARC-AA). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 9355 - 113th Street North, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775.

The Master of Medical Science in Anesthesia Science Program at South University, West Palm Beach is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant (ARC-AA). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 9355 - 113th Street North, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775.

Business

The following business programs at South University, the Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs ([ACBSP] 11520 West 119th Street; Overland Park, KS 66213; 913-339-9356; www.acbsp.org). Other programs in the College of Business are excluded from ACBSP's scope of accreditation. These programs include: Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Public Administration, Bachelor of Science to Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Information Systems, Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Leadership and Doctor of Business Administration.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs at South University's campuses in Columbia, SC, Richmond, VA, Savannah, GA, and Virginia Beach, VA, are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, 500 Montgomery Street, Suite 350, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703)-535-5990.

Medical Assisting

The South University Medical Assisting Programs on the Columbia, Montgomery, and Savannah campuses are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB)." Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP); 9355 - 113th Street North, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, 727-210-2350.
The online Associate of Science in Medical Assisting program is not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org).

Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs at South University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).

South University, Savannah, is initially approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (237 Coliseum Dr. Macon, GA; 844-753-7825; https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing).

South University, Montgomery, is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (PO Box 303900; Montgomery, AL 36130-3900; 800-656-5318; www.abn.alabama.gov).

South University, Tampa, and South University, West Palm Beach, are approved by the Florida Board of Nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-02; Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252; 850-488-0595; www.floridanursing.gov).

South University, High Point is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (PO Box 2129; Raleigh, NC 27602; 919-782-3211; www.ncbon.com).

South University, Columbia, is approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, South Carolina Board of Nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (PO Box 12367; Columbia, SC 29211; 803-896-4550; www.llronline.com/POL/Nursing).

South University, Austin is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (333 Guadalupe St, Suite 3-460; Austin, TX 78701; 512-305-7400; www.bon.texas.gov).

South University, Richmond, and South University, Virginia Beach, are approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Perimeter Center; 9960 Maryland Dr, Suite 300; Henrico, VA 23233-1463; 804-367-4515; www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/default.htm).

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing has approved South University to offer the RN to BSN and MSN degrees through distance delivery (1123 S University Ave, Suite 800; University Tower Building; Little Rock, AR 72204; 501-686-2700; www.arsbn.arkansas.gov).

The Arizona Board of Nursing has approved South University to offer the APRN MSN degrees through distance delivery (1740 W. Adams Street, Suite 2000; Phoenix, AZ 85007; www.azbn.gov).

Occupational Therapy Assistant

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program at South University, Richmond, Virginia Beach, and Tampa are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA, and its web address is http://www.acoteonline.org.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of
the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. More information on ACOTE may be obtained at http://www.acoteonline.org.

Accreditation Status: Probationary Accreditation

The occupational therapy assistant program at South University-Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina, was placed on Probationary Accreditation effective April 22, 2023, because the area of noncompliance related to 2018 Standard A.6.4 (certification exam pass rate) is so serious that the capability of the program to provide acceptable educational experiences for the students is threatened. In addition, based on review of the 2023 Annual Report, ACOTE determined that the program was in noncompliance with 2018 Standard A.4.2 (published program outcomes). ACOTE voted to grant the program’s request to extend the time frame for compliance with 2018 Standard A.6.4 until August 2024.

At its August 2023 meeting, ACOTE reviewed the Plan of Correction and Progress Report submitted by the occupational therapy assistant program and determined that the program returned to compliance with 2018 OTA Standard A.4.2 (published program outcomes). However, the program remains in noncompliance with 2018 Standard A.6.4 (certification exam pass rate). The program's status remains Probationary Accreditation.

On October 9-10, 2023, ACOTE conducted a fact-finding visit of the program to further assess compliance with the Standards.

At its December 2023 meeting, ACOTE reviewed the results of the fact-finding visit and the Progress Report submitted by the occupational therapy assistant program and determined that the program remains in noncompliance with 2018 Standard A.6.4 (certification exam pass rate). In addition, based on review of the results of the fact-finding visit, ACOTE determined that the program is in noncompliance with 2018 Standards A.1.5 (notification requirements), A.2.2 (faculty composition), A.2.3 (faculty qualifications), A.2.9 (sufficient faculty), A.2.12 (adequate space), A.2.15 (distance education), A.3.7 (faculty advising), A.4.1 (program publications), A.4.2 (published program outcomes), A.5.5 (curriculum design), A.5.7 (written syllabi and assessment strategies), A.6.1 (strategic plan), A.6.2 (professional development plans), A.6.3 (program evaluation), and course content (B.4.4 and B.4.18). The program’s status remains Probationary Accreditation.

The program has been requested to submit a Plan of Correction and Progress Report to return the program to full compliance with the Standards within the mandated time period for correction.

Pharmacy

South University's Doctor of Pharmacy program in Savannah, GA, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education 190 S LaSalle ST #2850; Chicago, IL 60603; 312-664-3575; www.acpe-accredit.org.

Physical Therapist Assistant

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Austin, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 512-516-8767 or email abryson@southuniversity.edu.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Columbia, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia
The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Montgomery is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 803-935-9725 or email ts wander@southuniversity.edu.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Richmond, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 804-727-6881 or email fberr yman@southuniversity.edu.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Savannah, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 912-393-3793 or email vnash@southuniversity.edu.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Tampa, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 813-393-3793 or email dbrawner@southuniversity.edu.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, Virginia Beach, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 757-496-6979 or email lgarone@southuniversity.edu.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at South University, West Palm Beach, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 561-273-6418 or email ljaffe@southuniversity.edu.

**Physician Assistant**

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the South University, Austin Physician Assistant Program sponsored by South University, Austin.

Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program’s ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.
Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class. The program’s accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-south-university-austin/.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the South University, Savannah Physician Assistant Program sponsored by South 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 September 2025. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy. The program’s accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at: http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-south-university-savannah/.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the South University Richmond PA Program sponsored by South University Richmond. 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 comprehensive review of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2027. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy. The program’s accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at: http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-south-university-tampa/.

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the South University, West Palm Beach Physician Assistant Program sponsored by South University, West Palm Beach.

Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program’s ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.

Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class. The program’s accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-south-university-west-palm-beach.
Public Health

Master of Public Health (MPH) at South University is an applicant for accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health. The accreditation review will only address the MPH degree at South University. Other degrees and areas of study offered by South University will not be included in the unit of accreditation review.