

# Chan Family Master of Science in Physician Associate (PA) Studies



**Admissions Requirements and Procedures** 



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## **Minimum Admissions Requirements**

#### **Undergraduate Degree**

A bachelor's degree from a regionally or nationally accredited institution is required at the time of enrollment. The field of study can be varied as long as all prerequisite requirements are met. Undergraduates in their final years are eligible to apply if the bachelor's degree will be completed prior to the MSPA program start.

International graduates: please see "International Applicants" section below.

#### **Required Prerequisites**

The KGI MSPA program requires seven prerequisite courses prior to entry into the program. All must be completed through a regionally or nationally accredited institution with a grade 'C' or higher within 10 years of the application deadline. Applicants are allowed to have up to two outstanding prerequisites (no more than 8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours total) at the time of application. However, all prerequisites must be satisfactorily completed by June 15 of the enrollment year.

Please note that credit for Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) will not be accepted for prerequisite courses.

Note that online accelerated courses for science prerequisites (such as those designed to be completed in 6 weeks or less) are accepted but are strongly discouraged for courses foundational to future PA practice such as human anatomy and human physiology.

Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (2 courses total)

Minimum Semester Hours: 8

Minimum Quarter Hours: 10

Course Information: For this requirement, students must either complete a full sequence of Anatomy and Physiology (at one or more institutions) OR two separate, standalone courses (i.e., one Anatomy course and one Physiology course). The course sequence must cover the entire human body.

#### Microbiology

Minimum Semester Hours: 3

Minimum Quarter Hours: 4

Course Information: No lab is required. Must cover bacteria, viruses, and fungi.

The course may be lower division or upper division.

#### Medical Terminology

Minimum Semester Hours: 1

Minimum Quarter Hours: 1.5

Course Information: Must be a comprehensive medical terminology course that includes an understanding of basic elements, rules of building and analyzing medical words, and medical terms associated with the body as a whole.

#### • General or Inorganic Chemistry with Lab

Minimum Semester Hours: 4

Minimum Quarter Hours: 5

Course Information: One semester of a general or inorganic chemistry course with a laboratory component. A combination overview course with inorganic/organic/biochemistry cannot be used to satisfy this prerequisite.

#### Organic or Biochemistry

Minimum Semester Hours: 3

Minimum Quarter Hours: 4

Course Information: One semester of organic chemistry or biochemistry. No lab is required. A combination overview course with inorganic/organic/biochemistry cannot be used to satisfy this prerequisite. A combination course with organic/biochemistry is acceptable to satisfy this requirement. A general chemistry course will not meet this requirement.



#### Statistics

Minimum Semester Hours: 3

Minimum Quarter Hours: 4

Course Information: May be taken through a math or psychology department.

Other departments to be considered on a case-by-case basis. The course may be

lower division or upper division.

#### **Grade Point Average (GPA)**

MSPA program applicants must have a minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) as calculated by CASPA at the time of application submission.

#### **Standardized Testing**

MSPA program applicants are not required to submit results of any standardized tests, including the GRE, MCAT, and/or PA-CAT. The program does not use these scores to make any admissions decisions.

#### **Patient Care Experience**

A minimum of 1,000 hours of direct patient care experience completed in the past five years is required at the time of application. In the admissions review process, patient care hours are evaluated based on the quantity and quality of hands-on patient care experience.

- Quantity: applicants with a higher number of patient care hours are considered more competitive than those with the minimum number of hours required for application.
- Quality: applicants with paid experiences that include formal training; a high degree of hands-on patient care; active clinical decision-making; and/or a high level of responsibility for the patient are considered to be most competitive.

Examples of direct patient care experiences include:

- Paramedic
- Emergency medical technician
- Dietitian
- Respiratory therapist
- Radiological technician
- Medical assistant (back office hours only)
- Nurse (LPN, RN, MSN)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Physical therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Surgical technician
- Clinical research assistant (only those hours spent interacting with and caring for patients directly)
- Medical scribe
- Pharmacist
- Phlebotomist

Unacceptable patient care experiences include: hours obtained in optometry, podiatry, veterinary, or dental settings; administrative roles in hospital or office settings; and those hours obtained as a lifeguard, aesthetician, in home care services, caregiving/taking, or in non-clinical research (i.e., laboratory setting only).

Hours obtained during volunteer, shadowing, or training programs are not counted towards patient care hours (e.g., certified nurse assistant, medical assistant, medical school, or PA school). Those hours attained after graduation are accepted, such as residency hours.

Direct patient care experience hours must be completed in the United States, U.S territories, or as part of U.S. organizations such as the military, peace corps,



etc. Acceptance of U.S. organization-based patient care hours is at the discretion of KGI.

The program will determine which hours are counted towards the PCE based on what the applicant writes as a description of duties. If duties are unclear, the program reserves the right to determine how many hours will be accepted based on the description.

#### **Personal Statement and Supplemental Application**

All applicants are required to complete a personal statement and supplemental application for KGI through CASPA. These two submissions provide the Admissions Committee with a multi-dimensional view of the applicant, including their background, strengths, commitments, and personal goals.

#### **Letters of Reference**

A total of three references are required for application to the program. These references will help guide the Admissions Committee on the candidate's personal goals and attributes that would prepare them for success as a PA student and a future professional PA.

The letters have specific requirements as outlined below:

- One letter must be from a healthcare provider who is a PA, Doctor of Medicine
  (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), or Nurse Practitioner (NP). This letter
  must discuss your suitability for the medical profession based on their
  interactions with you. This can be from a shadowing experience but is stronger if
  you have worked with that individual.
- The second letter must come from one of three types of individuals: 1) a second healthcare reference that can be another provider or any other person who works with patients such as a Registered Nurse (RN), Respiratory Therapist (RT), etc.; 2)



an academic reference from a professor with whom you took a course or an academic advisor from your college/university; or 3) a research reference from one of your supervisors/leads for a research project on which you had significant participation.

 The third letter is your choice. You may choose another one of the above or select another type of reference, such as from volunteer experiences.

Please note that we will not accept any letters written by a personal friend, family friend, or relative. All three required letters must have been *requested* through CASPA at the time of application submission to CASPA and must be completed by your references no later than December 31 of the application year. We do not accept reference letters sent directly to our program.

#### **International Applicants**

International applicants are defined by the KGI MSPA program as citizens of any country outside of the United States (including Canada) who do not hold a United States permanent resident visa (green card). Permanent resident visa status is equivalent to U.S. citizenship for the purposes of our admission process and U.S. federal student loan programs.

International applicants that have completed their degree outside of the United States must meet two major requirements for admission:

- International Transcripts: An accredited foreign credentialing agency must evaluate all transcripts. The credentialing agency must determine that the coursework is equivalent to a bachelor's degree or higher to be considered for admission.
- Prerequisites: Without exception, all prerequisites (a minimum of 24 semester hours or 34 quarter hours) must be completed in an accredited U.S. institution.



TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score is not required. All other requirements remain the same across all applicants.

DACA Applicants: The MSPA program welcomes applications from individuals who qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). While the MSPA program does not consider an applicant's financial status in the selection process, DACA students must be prepared for the cost of their education. DACA applicants are not currently eligible for federal financial aid, but they are eligible for KGI international student loans and institutional scholarships.

For more information regarding international student requirements and procedures, please see KGI's international student webpage.

#### **Technical Standards**

The KGI MSPA program requires that all matriculating students must meet the KGI Technical Standards for Admission, Progression, and Graduation.

### **Admissions Preferences**

In alignment with the MSPA program mission, our program will provide additional consideration to an applicant with one or more of the following characteristics:

- First Generation in Family to Attend College
   Neither mother nor father attended college; as indicated on the CASPA application.
- Fluency in a Language Other Than English
   Individuals who select "native" or "advanced" in a language other than English on the CASPA application.

#### • History of Life Experiences Requiring Perseverance

Defined as a history of past or ongoing non-academic circumstances impacting the applicant's life as answered on the supplemental application. This could include (but is not limited to) experiences related to race/ethnicity and/or immigration status, residence in a medically underserved area, personal health issues, mental health and wellbeing, being a primary caregiver for a loved one, financial hardship, or inability to access financial aid.

#### Significant Personal Achievement

Individuals who have accomplished a significant personal achievement, received a major award, started a service organization, co-authored a journal publication, etc. Does not include academic or GPA-related achievements. Must be listed under the 'Achievements' section of the CASPA application.

#### • History of Military Service

Includes veteran, active, and/or reserves.

#### Commitment to Service

Defined as a history of ongoing service to a single organization of at least 40 hours or multiple organizations with more than 100 hours in the last two years.

A Current Student or Graduate of KGI and/or the Claremont Colleges
 Individuals who are pursuing or have received a certificate or a degree at KGI or one of the Claremont Colleges, as indicated in the Supplemental Application.

 Courses taken at KGI or the Claremont Colleges that are or were not part of a

certificate or degree program do not qualify for this additional consideration.

## **Competitive Applicants**

With the MSPA program's holistic approach to admissions, there is no one formula for becoming a competitive applicant. However, several factors are reviewed, including:

- Capacity to Succeed: an applicant's entire academic history and health care
  experiences. For the academic history, the applicant's GPA and other indicators
  for potential success in the program are considered, including the number of
  courses taken at a time and the courses' level of difficulty. The committee will
  also consider if a student demonstrated academic resilience by significantly
  improving their GPA over time. An applicant's healthcare experience is also
  reviewed as part of the capacity to succeed using both quality (degree of handson patient care and decision-making responsibility) and number of hours in the
  evaluation.
- **Communication**: any written communication with the program and in the CASPA application, including grammar and professional tone.
- PA Professional Qualities and Commitment to the Profession: the applicant's demonstration of commitment to the PA profession, including any advocacy efforts; professionalism and maturity; and commitment to teamwork and collaboration.
- Alignment with KGI Mission and Goals: an applicant's history with leadership; entrepreneurship and innovation; compassion and empathy are evaluated through the CASPA application responses. Applicants who are graduates of KGI or one of the Claremont Colleges (certificate or degree) will also be included as aligning with the mission and goals of KGI.
- Life Experience and Perseverance: applicants who have one or more preferences
  for admission, including military service history; first in the family to go to
  college; fluency in at least one language other than English; significant personal
  achievement; commitment to service; and perseverance through life experience.



## **Admissions Policies**

#### Advanced Placement

Transfer credits for didactic and clinical phase courses are not accepted. All KGI MSPA program courses within the curriculum are required for graduation. No credit or advanced placement is granted for prior experiential learning, coursework, degrees, certifications, or advanced training.

#### Student Employment

The KGI MSPA program strongly discourages students from engaging in any form of employment while enrolled in the MSPA program. The fast-paced, intensive nature of the program requires full-time attendance and a significant time commitment outside of class/clinical experiences. Outside employment obligations cannot be used to excuse absences from scheduled learning activities. In addition, the program will not consider outside employment as a reason for poor performance or for modifying program requirements.

The KGI MSPA program also does not allow students to work for the program (paid or voluntary).

KGI MSPA students cannot substitute for or function as instructional faculty. Students with specific prior knowledge, experiences, and skills may voluntarily assist faculty in didactic and laboratory sessions to share their knowledge and skills. However, students are not to be the primary instructor or instructor of record for any component of the curriculum.

KGI MSPA students are also unable to function as clinical or administrative staff at KGI or a clinical site. If a student is asked to substitute for a staff person on a clinical rotation, they must contact the Director of Clinical Education. Once information is collected and reviewed, the clinical team in conjunction with the MSPA Program Director will determine if continued use of the preceptor and/or clinical site is appropriate.

#### Clinical Sites for Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences

Prior to the clinical phase, students will have the opportunity to submit their ideal clinical sites/preceptors and locations. Prospective and enrolled MSPA students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors for the MSPA program. Students may voluntarily submit information about potential preceptors or clinical sites to the Director of Clinical Education if desired. The Director of Clinical Education (assisted by the clinical team) must identify, contact, and evaluate clinical sites and preceptors for educational suitability prior to creating an official affiliation.

There is no direct or implied guarantee that the student will be assigned a rotation with any requested clinical site or preceptor.

#### Criminal History and Background Check Requirements

Several states have recently passed "Ban the Box" laws for higher education, which prohibit post-secondary institutions from asking applicants about their criminal history during the admissions process. The law further prohibits offering an applicant provisional acceptance to a program subject to a criminal background check. In 2020, California became the fifth state to enact this type of law (Cal Educ. Code 66024.5).

As a result, criminal history questions have been removed from the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA), and a criminal background check is not required to matriculate into the KGI MSPA program.



Prior to acceptance, all applicants to the KGI MSPA program must acknowledge the following:

- An admitted student's ability to complete the MSPA program successfully and gain PA licensure could be negatively impacted by their criminal history.
- Clinical experiences are a critical piece of the MSPA program's requirements for graduation. Many clinical sites will not place a student on a clinical rotation unless they have successfully passed a criminal background check. Background check results that limit the MSPA program's ability to secure supervised clinical practice experiences (SCPEs) may prevent a student from progressing or graduating from the program.
- As a part of the licensing process, many states require that graduates undergo a comprehensive background investigation. This process requires the applicant to disclose all past criminal convictions, even if they have been set aside or expunged.

If you have any questions regarding the impact of the "Ban the Box" law, please contact <a href="mailto:admissions@kgi.edu">admissions@kgi.edu</a>.

#### CASPA Code of Conduct Violations

Please note that anyone who is found to have a code of conduct violation on CASPA (e.g., plagiarism) will be denied.



## **MSPA Admission FAQs**

#### General

What are your application dates?

 The program begins accepting applications when CASPA opens in late April. All applications must be submitted by 8:59 PM PST on November 1 for the following enrollment year.

Is there an advantage to applying early?

 Yes, applicants who submit their CASPA application with the included KGI supplemental application by September 1 will receive priority for early interview and acceptance.

Does in-state or out-of-state residency play a role in considering acceptance?

• No, KGI does not differentiate between in-state or out-of-state residency.

When does the program start?

• Only one cohort is accepted per year, and classes begin in the fall semester.

How many students do you accept in each cohort?

The program has 40 students per cohort.

When are application decisions made?

 The program has a rolling admissions policy with decisions made throughout the cycle at various stages in the review process. All applicants for each cycle will know their status by early March of the year of matriculation.

What are some attributes of an ideal candidate for your program?

- We encourage all applicants to review our mission, vision, and goals, as these
  inform every part of our program from the admissions process through the
  curriculum. Those individuals most closely aligned to our mission will be most
  competitive. While all applicants who meet minimum admission requirements
  will have their application reviewed, those who exceed the minimum will be given
  first consideration.
- Additionally, as part of a holistic admissions process, we value those applicants
  who have demonstrated perseverance through life experiences (e.g., primary
  caregiver for an individual with significant needs, significant personal loss,
  severe financial hardship, single parent, personal disability, significant healthcare
  needs, member of a marginalized community due to sexual orientation, gender
  identity, religious minority, or immigration status).
- Please see the Competitive Applicants section of this document for more information.

Are there any scheduled information sessions?

- KGI hosts visit days twice per year, one in person and one online. Additionally, there may be opportunities for pre-PA students and clubs to schedule visits with our outreach team.
- For more information, please contact KGI Admissions at <a href="mailto:admissions@kgi.edu">admissions@kgi.edu</a>.

#### Interview

What is the format of your interview?

 Currently all interviews are completed online via Zoom to help reduce the financial burden for pre-PA students. The interview day lasts approximately 6 hours. All invited interviewees must attend the entire interview to be considered for admission.

What attributes are assessed as part of your interview process?

- Our primary goal is to assess if any applicant shares in the mission, vision, and goals of the MSPA program and KGI.
- With this in mind, we have developed multiple formats within the interview process to evaluate applicants. Applicants will complete individual and group interviews to assess various aspects of each applicant.

Do you have an alternate or wait list?

• Yes. After all spots have been filled, those applicants who are selected for a wait list will be notified via email.

#### **CASPA**

What materials are required for my CASPA application to be considered complete by your deadline?

 Every applicant must have the following in place at the time the application is submitted to CASPA: 1,000 hours of hands-on, paid patient care experience; no more than 2 prerequisite courses outstanding; a bachelor's degree to be



completed by June 15 of the following year; and the required reference letters requested. Please review the Admissions Requirements section of this document for full details.

Do you have a supplemental application or additional application fee?

 Yes, the KGI MSPA program requires a supplemental application with no additional fee. The supplemental application is embedded in CASPA. This means that we will not receive your CASPA application until the supplemental application questions have been completed.

I completed my application with CASPA, including the supplemental application questions. When can I expect to hear from the program regarding my status?

• CASPA takes up to 4 weeks to process your application and send it to us. Once we receive your application, Admissions team members first carefully screen each application to ensure it meets the minimum requirements. The process then moves on to MSPA faculty, who will use a holistic approach to evaluate each applicant's cognitive and non-cognitive attributes. Based on this review, the Admissions Committee will then determine whether or not to extend an invitation to interview. Applicants not selected to interview will be informed on a rolling basis, and all applicants will know their status by March of the year of matriculation.



#### **International Applicants**

Do you accept international students?

- Yes, we welcome international students. No TOEFL is required, but all
  prerequisite courses must be completed in the United States.
- Please see the "International Applicants" section of this document for more information.

Do you accept foreign courses and transcripts?

Yes, a bachelor's degree may be earned from a non-U.S. institution if an
accredited foreign transcript evaluation service determines its equivalency to a
bachelor's degree in the United States. However, please note that all prerequisite
courses must be completed through a U.S. accredited institution.

I am a foreign medical graduate who is licensed as a physician in a country outside of the U.S. Do I have to complete my patient care hours in the United States?

All applicants are required to have 1,000 hours of paid, direct patient care
experience in the United States, U.S. territories, or as part of U.S. organizations
such as the military, peace corps, etc. Applicants may have additional hours
outside of the United States from previous healthcare experience but must have
the 1,000 hours as above to be considered eligible for admission.

If I have already completed medical school training here or in another country, do I have to go through your program in order to receive a Physician Assistant license?

 Yes, every student who enters the program must complete all courses in the program in order to graduate and be eligible for licensure as a PA.

#### Requirements

Am I guaranteed an interview or a "seat" in the program if I meet all of the admission criteria?

 Not every applicant who meets the minimum requirements will be invited for an interview, and the interview is a required step in the admissions process.

How does the program calculate GPAs?

An applicants' cumulative college performance is considered in the GPA
calculations by CASPA. The Admissions Committee factors both undergraduate
and graduate level performance in its decisions. Both the overall and science
GPA (as calculated by CASPA) must be 3.0 or higher at the time of application.
Outstanding prerequisite courses will not be used to recalculate GPAs as they
are completed.

What is the fastest way to bring up my GPA?

All courses with an earned letter grade are used to calculate a GPA in CASPA.
 You may use an <u>online GPA calculator</u> to see how many courses would need to
 be taken to raise your GPA. Please note the program will accept GPA calculations
 for admission decisions from CASPA only. Although a beneficial tool for the
 applicant, online calculators are not official and will not be used by KGI.

Can I re-take some courses to bring my GPA up?

 Any course can be retaken to improve the GPA, but note that both grades will be used by CASPA to calculate GPAs. When the program evaluates specific prerequisite courses, the latest grade will be used.

What do you look for in letters of reference?

- The goal of reference letters is to demonstrate to the Admissions Committee
  your readiness for the rigors of PA school, as well as your suitability for medicine
  and the PA profession. Be sure to select those individuals who can attest to your
  character and capability and who are most likely to actually complete the letter.
- Please see the "How to Apply" section of our website for the specific types of letters required.

Do I need to take the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) or Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)?

 The KGI MSPA program purposefully does not require any standardized tests and will not consider standardized test results in our admissions review or decisionmaking process. This includes the GRE, MCAT, PA-CAT, and any other standardized test.

What could one do to make their application more "memorable" than the next?

 Our Admissions Requirements and Procedures document on the "Requirements" tab has information regarding what makes a competitive applicant. We encourage you to review this information carefully, as it contains detailed information about what our program looks for in an applicant.



- If the applicant's patient care experience has a low degree of hands-on care, we
  would encourage pursuing positions with higher degrees of hands-on care and
  more responsibility in order to become more competitive.
- Any prerequisite course can be retaken to improve the overall GPA.
- We encourage all applicants to any PA program to become as familiar with the
  profession as possible, which can occur through pre-PA membership to PA
  organizations, shadowing experiences, interviewing PAs, and personal research.
- We place a high value on transparency. If an applicant is applying for a repeat
  cycle, we would encourage the applicant to share what they have done differently
  to become a more competitive applicant in either their main essay or in their
  supplemental application. It helps us to see the applicant's commitment to the
  PA profession and supports our review from one year to the next.

If my GPA from graduate-level coursework is above a 3.0 but my undergraduate GPA is less than 3.0 (total or science), can you use my graduate GPA instead of my undergraduate GPA for admissions decisions?

 We use the GPA as calculated and published by CASPA to make admissions decisions. We will not make any exceptions. For information on how CASPA calculates the GPA, please review this information on the <u>CASPA website</u>.

#### **Prerequisites**

When do I have to complete my prerequisites?

 Only two total prerequisites can be outstanding at the time of your CASPA application. Both of these courses must be completed by June 15 of the enrollment year.

Is there a time limit on prerequisite courses?

 Yes, all prerequisite science courses must have been taken within 10 years of the date of completion of the CASPA application.

#### Are labs required?

 Labs are required for the Human Anatomy/Physiology courses and one Chemistry course.

Do you accept online classes for the prerequisites?

 Yes, online courses can be used to meet prerequisite courses as long as they are through an U.S. accredited institution and meets the stated requirements. Inperson lab is highly recommended, but online labs will be accepted.

Do you accept community college courses for prerequisites?

Yes, if the college is regionally accredited.

Do you accept pass/fail credit for prerequisite coursework?

 We do not accept pass/fail credit for any prerequisite course when taken at an undergraduate level. Graduate level prerequisite science courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

I received passing Advanced Placement (AP) credit in high school for one of the required prerequisite courses. Will you accept my AP credit?

• AP credit is not accepted for any prerequisite course.

Do I have to have a bachelor's degree in order to apply?

You must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college by June
 15 of the enrollment year.

#### **Patient Care Experience**

How can I get the required patient care experience?

• All applicants must have a minimum of 1,000 hours of paid patient care experience at the time of application. There are a variety of ways to receive patient care experience, and there is a list of acceptable patient care experiences in the "Patient Care Experience" section earlier in this document. Applicants who have been trained in a health profession with a high degree of hands-on patient care and are working in a paid position are considered more competitive.

How do I know if my experience will be accepted?

- You may review the list of acceptable patient care experiences on our website. If your experience is not listed, please feel free to contact us by emailing <u>KGI</u>
   <u>Admissions</u>. Please include a description of your duties.
- Please note that in our review, we utilize your description of duties to determine whether or not the experience hours are accepted. When completing your CASPA



application, we encourage you to make sure the description of duties and hours are both accurate.

Is shadowing accepted for patient care experience?

 Shadowing of PAs, MDs, or DOs are not accepted for patient care experience hours.

How do I arrange to shadow a PA?

 The KGI MSPA program does not currently have a list of PAs willing to accept pre-PA students for shadowing. There are several websites that are devoted to helping pre-PA students with finding a PA to shadow. You may also check with your state PA organization to see if they have a list of PAs who are willing to work with pre-PA students. Note that PA shadowing is not required for the KGI MSPA program but is highly encouraged.

#### **Accreditation**

Is the KGI MSPA PA program accredited?

 The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Keck Graduate Institute Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Keck Graduate Institute.

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 <a href="http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-keck-graduate-institute">http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-keck-graduate-institute</a>.

#### Other

Can I work while enrolled in the program?

 MSPA students are strongly discouraged from working while enrolled in the program due to the intensive workload.

Can I attend the program part-time?

No, all enrolled students must attend full-time for the MSPA program.

Where can I do my clinical rotations? Do I have to provide my own preceptors?

 The KGI MSPA program will schedule students with clinical rotations and preceptors associated with our affiliated sites. Students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors.

Can I audit or enroll in a PA course at the university if I am thinking about becoming a PA?

• No, only students enrolled in the MSPA program can take MSPA courses. There is no course audit option.

## **Scholarship and Loan Info**

We encourage you to review the <u>Financing Your Studies</u> page for valuable scholarship and loan information and relevant deadlines for both domestic and international students.