

At its **March 2017** meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) placed the **Loma Linda University Physician Assistant** program sponsored by **Loma Linda University** on **Accreditation-Probation** status until its next review in **March 2019**.

Probation is a temporary status of accreditation conferred when a program does not meet the *Standards* and when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened.

Once placed on probation, programs that still fail to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and/or risk having their accreditation withdrawn.

Specific questions regarding the Program and its plans should be directed to the Program Director at [gglavaz@llu.edu](mailto:gglavaz@llu.edu) and/or the appropriate institutional official(s).

Loma Linda University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges with the next review in 2020.

#### **Letter from the Program Director:**

The LLU PA Program remains a fully accredited program that continues to produce excellent outcomes. Below are some features that demonstrate the strengths of the program:

- 94 percent pass rate on the PANCE Exam for the Class of 2017
- Small class size with excellent student to faculty ratio
- World class teaching institution and clinical facilities
- Proven commitment to service and our mission “To Make Man Whole”
- Excellent program completion rate

The reasons for the probation falls within four areas: Administrative support and program director communication, development of measurable learning objectives in the courses taught in the first year; verification of clinical experience, establishment of levels of expectation, and assessment of skills for the clinical year; and a more robust self-assessment process for the program.

While we are disappointed with the probationary status, it is important to note that the citations were primarily administrative in nature, and did not question the quality of instruction, the clinical opportunities provided, or the preparation of our graduates for the board examination.

Our department, as well as the University and School administration has immediately initiated an intensive plan of action to address the issues cited. We are fully confident that these corrective measures will meet or exceed the accreditation standards established by ARC-PA with no adverse consequences to currently enrolled students. Current students can continue their studies, graduate, take board examinations, obtain state licensing, and practice medicine.

We will recruit for the Class of 2021. This class will only be seated if probation is removed in March 2019.

We are fully confident that we will be reinstated with full accreditation in March 2019.

In case of the remote chance that the PA Program loses its accreditation status in March 2019, the program cannot matriculate any additional students. If you are accepted as a PA Student for the incoming class scheduled to matriculate in September 2019, you would be fully reimbursed for your security deposit should the program lose accreditation.

The LLU PA program will continue to produce excellent outcomes as well as foster personal, spiritual and professional excellence in all of our students.

A FAQ sheet with additional information on the program's accreditation status may be accessed by [clicking on this link](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact me at [gglavaz@llu.edu](mailto:gglavaz@llu.edu)

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