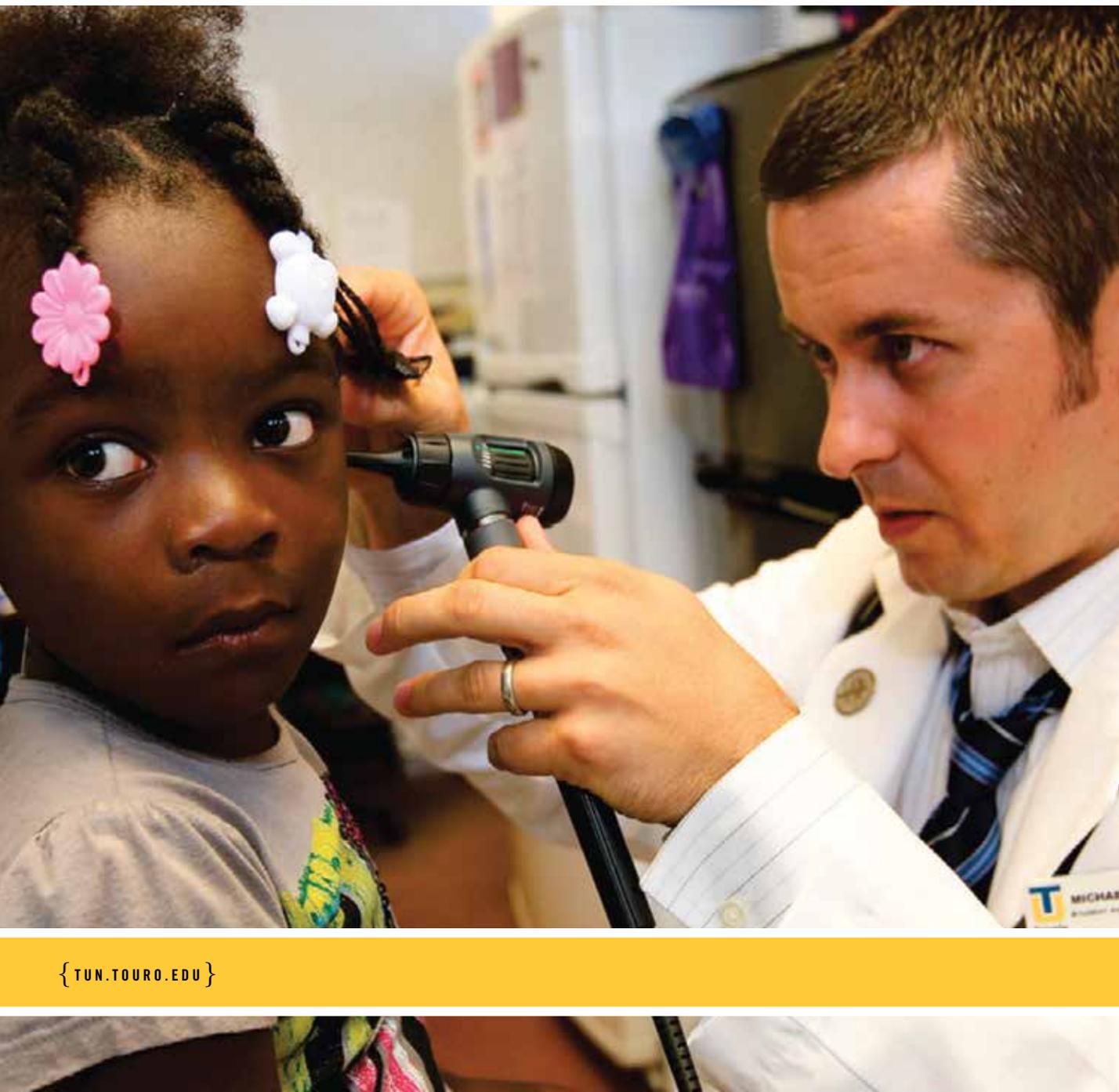


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MASTER *of* SCIENCE *in* PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES



Teach

Lead

Serve



## Making a difference and helping people live healthier lives.

Physician Assistants are an essential part of the health care team, especially when it comes to rural and under-served populations. At Touro University Nevada, our mission is to educate competent physician assistants who are responsive to community needs and diverse cultures.

As a Jewish-sponsored independent institution of higher learning that is part of the international Touro College & University System, we inspire students to be caring professionals who teach, lead and serve. In classes, labs, and interactions with faculty and fellow students, you will find a commitment to the Judaic traditions of social justice, intellectual pursuit, and service to others. An essential part of these core tenets is openness to all faiths, which is why you will find Touro University Nevada is home to students of all backgrounds, cultures, and interests.

As a physician assistant, you will be required to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to your community, patients, and profession. Along the way, just know that, as your university, we will stay committed to you.



“ Touro – and specifically the Physician Assistant program – made me feel like I had a team behind me. I was not just a number or a no-name student but a member of the Touro community. Administrators support our goals and most definitely our family lives when it comes to possible clinical rotations outside of Nevada. ”

Amy Ogbonnaya  
PA, Class of 2013

### { HIGHLIGHT }

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition, employment of Physician Assistants is expected to grow 38 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. This is largely due to the growing and aging population combined with a physician shortage.



## Where university converges with family.

Touro University Nevada is different. Within our modern, non-traditional campus facilities, you will find prestigious faculty and administrators from diverse academic and professional backgrounds who have come together for one common purpose: your success.

As Nevada's first Physician Assistant Studies program, each year we receive hundreds of applications to join our program. Our careful selection of the best students ensures we can provide our signature level of focus and individual attention to our high caliber students.

You will find faculty and administrators who are genuinely invested in helping you achieve and a small campus environment where the faculty know each student by name. Our diverse student body includes individuals who have joined us from a wide array of institutions from around the country. Together, our campus community comprises people who make up a rich mosaic of backgrounds and experiences.

Chances are, you will feel like you are not just part of a university; you are part of a family.

### { HIGHLIGHT }

*Touro University Nevada's Physician Assistant program has service-learning components built into its curriculum. This gives students an opportunity to receive hands-on experience working under the direction of our expert faculty and serving under-represented segments of the community in a variety of clinical sites.*



## To be a Touro student is to be your best.

Touro University Nevada's Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program is dedicated to cultivating the unique gifts and talents of each student. As rigorous as it is rewarding, our curriculum combines classroom instruction on clinical medicine, behavioral studies and professional issues with clinical rotations in a range of areas including family medicine, emergency medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery and community medicine.

You will enjoy experiences that prepare you for a career as a professional who is aware of patients' needs, adept at communication and negotiation, and readily adaptable to leadership roles.

We continually search for inventive ways to further your success. This includes our extensive online medical library, dedicated classrooms for Physician Assistant instruction, and a gross anatomy lab (in an age when many universities only offer a virtual one). We also make lectures available as downloadable video, provide comprehensive Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) preparation, and offer a diverse range of local rotations – as well as many throughout the country and internationally. In fact, we pride ourselves on our expansive roster of rotations, which gives you the ability to select your specific geographic area.



“ Serving others helps me feel a greater sense of civic responsibility, and Touro University Nevada's commitment to community service was instrumental in my decision to attend. Professors earnestly emphasized the value of applying our knowledge and skills through meaningful service. I've found that my education was enriched by having the opportunity to place other's needs above my own. ”

Brit Hatch  
PA, Class of 2013

### { HIGHLIGHT }

*Touro University Nevada's Physician Assistant program offers students the opportunity to participate in international rotations in locations such as Guatemala, Thailand and Tanzania. These experiences give students a better understanding of the relationship between medicine and society in another culture.*



## It's not our campus. It's yours.

The Touro University Nevada campus is the heart of your educational experience. Consistent with our unique approach to education, our campus is a collection of state-of-the-art lab spaces, lecture rooms, community focused clinics and administrative offices in a single expansive building.

The campus facility is open to all students from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m. That means nearly round-the-clock access and fellowship – enhanced by the peace of mind you get from on-site security 24 hours a day.

You will find areas to congregate, study and relax as well. There is a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and other activities next to a fitness center with cardio and weight-training equipment. We also have private study rooms and a library with full online access 24 hours a day. And for those students who want to stay connected, we offer campus-wide wi-fi.



“Touro's Physician Assistant program is very diverse – not only delivering a great education, but also bringing students from different backgrounds together. There are many clubs, sports, and organizations that can fit each students' needs, allowing them to grow, have fun, and expand their knowledge.”

Amanda Vitagliano  
PA, Class of 2013

### { HIGHLIGHT }

*The university provides opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of academic, cultural, social, and athletic activities. With an active student government and numerous clubs and organizations, you will find there are many ways to stay involved and connected with your fellow students.*



## Here for you. And the community, too.

Though we are part of an international university system, we came to Nevada to serve. The Touro University Nevada campus was opened as an answer to the area's need for greater access to health care. As a student, you will be an integral part of that important work.

Touro offers students a variety of ways to give back to the community. The Stallman Touro Health Clinic provides free health care to the women and children at The Shade Tree Shelter. The Touro Mobile Healthcare Clinic, the only one in Nevada, provides free care to the homeless population.

Our campus is home to Nevada's only dedicated diagnostic and treatment center for children with autism and developmental disabilities. We also have a multi-specialty health center and active aging center staffed by faculty physicians and clinicians that is open to the public.

You will also have a wealth of opportunities to volunteer through the many student clubs and organizations that strengthen our campus and the community. Leadership through service is essential to the Touro University Nevada mission, which means a significant portion of your classwork will weave you into the fabric of the community.

### { HIGHLIGHT }

*Students graduating from Touro University Nevada's Physician Assistant program have consistently had high pass rates on the PANCE testing for certification as a Physician Assistant. The success of our students as first-time takers of this national exam is a demonstration of our commitment to help student realize their dream of becoming a PA.*



## Education with momentum.

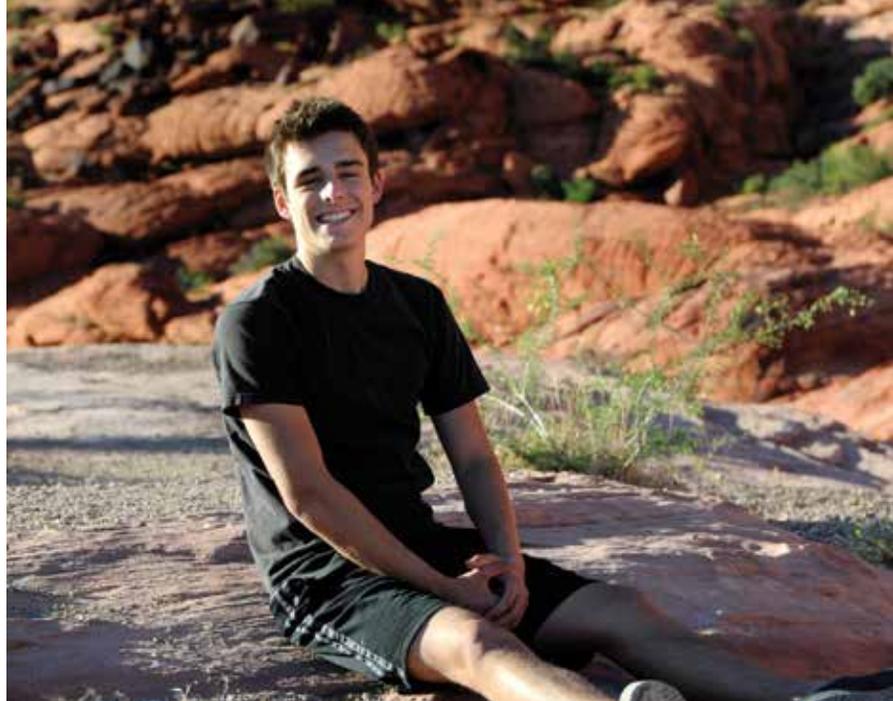
Touro College & University System dates back several decades, but Touro University Nevada is a relatively young institution. For our students, this provides a rare opportunity: the chance to shape one of the region's foremost schools of physician assistants.

In a little more than ten years, our vibrant student population has created rites of passage and traditions completely unique to Touro University Nevada. We have a community that is continually growing and a culture that is always evolving. We will connect you with clubs and organizations that help you further your career along with prestigious honor societies that will recognize your commitment to excellence.

Momentum is what defines Touro University Nevada. Move forward with us.

### { HIGHLIGHT }

*Touro actively participates in the White House Joining Forces Initiative and the Physician Assistant program recruits veterans. This commitment to supporting the diverse backgrounds military veterans bring to the program is shared by the PA faculty and administration.*



## A place to learn. A place to live.

Your educational experience should be enriched beyond the classroom, the clinic or the hospital. Students find Southern Nevada an exciting place to call home.

Touro University Nevada is located in Henderson, Nevada, just minutes from the world-famous city of Las Vegas. Yet the region offers much beyond the glitz and glamour. You will find camping and hiking amid the crimson peaks of Red Rock Canyon, boating and water skiing at Lake Mead, and more than 300 sunny days a year.

Henderson is a quiet, mid-sized city with a wealth of sophisticated shopping, dining and entertainment options. Affordable nearby housing keeps you close to it all, without taking you too far from campus. Henderson has been ranked by *Business Week* as one of *America's 50 Best Cities* and also earned the *2nd Safest City* designation by *Forbes Magazine*.



“ The supportive atmosphere at Touro helped me be a good father and husband and to live my faith. I love that my family came to have lunch with me or visit me while I took a study break. They also looked forward to going with me to the many activities planned throughout the year. ”

Chris Harris  
PA, Class of 2013

### { HIGHLIGHT }

*Touro University Nevada offers degree programs in a variety of health professions. The range of health care programs offered provides unique opportunities for students to work in collaborative settings. This interdisciplinary approach leads to more well-rounded health care professionals.*



## Learn with us. Grow with us. Join us.

Thank you for your interest in Touro University Nevada and a career as a Physician Assistant. It's a field reserved for the most committed and dedicated health professionals. Likewise, ours is an institution for enthusiastic and engaged learners. If you count yourself among that group, we would be honored to count you among our students.

To learn more about the Physician Assistant program and Touro University Nevada, we invite you to visit [www.tun.touro.edu](http://www.tun.touro.edu).

### { HIGHLIGHT }

*Touro's faculty and staff maintain an "open door policy" which provides students with full access to everyone on campus – whenever there is a question or need. This open door philosophy extends beyond offices, and Touro University Nevada has a tight-knit, friendly atmosphere.*

# Program Features

- ~ Focused education based on whole-person care
- ~ Hands-on experience in laboratory classroom settings
- ~ Extensive supervised fieldwork with community clinicians
- ~ International rotations and service-learning curriculum
- ~ Accessible and involved faculty
- ~ Interdisciplinary education opportunities
- ~ Inclusive campus environment
- ~ Commitment to underserved areas

# Admission Information

- ~ Conferred Bachelor's degree
- ~ Minimum cumulative and science GPA of 2.75
- ~ Completed human anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and microbiology prerequisites with a grade of C or better within the past five years
- ~ Completed inorganic and organic chemistry requirements with a grade of C or better
- ~ Three semester units in general psychology and statistics are recommended
- ~ Healthcare work and/or volunteer experience
- ~ Primary application through CASPA
- ~ Eligible candidates will be asked to complete a supplemental application and will be considered for a campus interview

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**ACCREDITATION AND APPROVALS:** Touro University Nevada is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and licensed in Nevada by the Commission on Post-Secondary Education. The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Touro University Nevada School of Physician Assistant Studies sponsored by Touro University Nevada. 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 2022. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

**TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID:** For current tuition rates and information on financial aid, please visit our website or contact the office of Financial Aid: 702-777-3076; [financial.aid@tun.touro.edu](mailto:financial.aid@tun.touro.edu).

**REFUND POLICY:** Effective July 1, 2015, upon acceptance to Touro University Nevada's Physician Assistant Studies program, all deposits made to secure a position in the class are non-refundable.

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS:** Every applicant who seeks admission to Touro University Nevada is expected to possess the intellectual, ethical, physical, and emotional capabilities required to undertake the full curriculum and achieve the levels of competence required by the faculty. The Touro University Nevada catalog details admission requirements and can be reviewed at <http://tun.touro.edu/current-students/university-catalogs/>

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