

Program Deactivation:

Primary Care Associate Program

As of August 2017, the Foothill College Primary Care Associate Program (also known as Physician Assistant Program) is no longer offered at Foothill College. The following excerpt in red is found on our website (<https://foothill.edu/bio/programs/primary/>) to provide information to the public and to students interested in the program.

PROGRAM NO LONGER OFFERED AT Foothill COLLEGE

Applicants should contact the Stanford School of Medicine: med.stanford.edu/pa for more information.

Due to changes in the accreditation standards for physician assistant programs (arc-pa.org), PA students will be required to graduate from a PA program that offers a master's degree effective January 1, 2020.

Since Foothill College is not able to offer a master's degree, the Primary Care Associate Program, a collaboration between Foothill College and Stanford School of Medicine that has provided PA education for over four decades, will be discontinued. The last Foothill College physician assistant class was enrolled in June of 2016 and will graduate in 2018.

Stanford University will be offering a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies starting August of 2017. For more information about the Stanford program, visit med.stanford.edu/pa.

The discontinuation of the program was discussed at the BHS Division Meeting, reported to the College Curriculum Committee and announced at an ad hoc committee which included college representatives from counseling, admission & records and financial aid to ensure that all groups were informed of the impending change and would have accurate information to share with students.

There are currently 31 students in the last cohort of this program. They will graduate in 2018.

Division Curriculum Committee approval: 3/17/17