

# Accreditation

## Institutional Accreditation

Lincoln Memorial University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, specialist, and doctorate degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Lincoln Memorial University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679- 4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

## Professional Accreditation

At its **2023M** meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) placed the **Lincoln Memorial University-Knoxville Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Lincoln Memorial University** on **Accreditation-Probation** status until its next review in **2025M**.

Probation accreditation is a temporary accreditation status initially of not less than two years. However, that period may be extended by the ARC-PA for up to an additional two years if the ARC-PA finds that the program is making substantial progress toward meeting all applicable standards but requires additional time to come into full compliance. Probation accreditation status is granted, at the sole discretion of the ARC-PA, when a program holding an accreditation status of Accreditation-Provisional or Accreditation-Continued does not, in the judgment of the ARC-PA, meet the *Standards* or when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened.

Once placed on probation, a program that fails to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and is subject to having its accreditation withdrawn.

Specific questions regarding the Program and its plans should be directed to the Program Director and/or the appropriate institutional official(s).

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-lincoln-memorial-university-knoxville/>.

Contact the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc., (ARC-PA) at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 275, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097, call 770-476-1224, or visit the ARC-PA website (<http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation/standards-of-accreditation/>) for questions about ARC-PA Standards.

PA graduates must pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) in order to practice in all states, the District of Columbia, and all American territories. PA graduates are only eligible to take the PANCE if they have graduated from a PA program accredited by the ARC-PA. The LMU-SMS-Knoxville PA Program is responsible for obtaining and maintaining ARC-PA Accreditation and for complying with ARC-PA Standards and policies. The program will inform all matriculating and enrolled PA Students in person and/or via LMU-issued student email or U.S. mail to the mailing address provided by the student of any change in the program's ARC-PA Accreditation status in addition to posting this information on the program's website.