

Grade Point Progression Standards for Pre-Professional Phase

Standards I,A, 3.07 - The following must be defined, published and readily available to prospective and enrolled students: ... required academic and technical standards.

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Freshman (Year 01 - These requirements pertain to Fall and Spring semester)

All freshman students must maintain the following academic standards to progress into the sophomore year as a Physician Assistant major: 1) obtain a minimum 2.75 cumulative Q.P.A. at the completion of the spring semester of freshman year, and 2) earn a minimum grade of "C" in all of the major and collateral* courses.

Upon completion of the fall semester (freshman year), any student with a Q.P.A. below 2.75 will automatically be placed on one semester of Physician Assistant Program Academic Probation. If a student fails to obtain a minimum "C" grade in any major or collateral* courses during the freshman year, or at the completion of the spring semester (freshman year) falls below the minimum 2.75 cumulative Q.P.A., the student will be dismissed from the Physician Assistant Program.

Sophomore (Year 02 - These requirements pertain to Summer, Fall and Spring semester)

All sophomore students must meet the following academic requirements to progress into the junior year as a Physician Assistant major: 1) obtain a minimum 2.85 cumulative Q.P.A. by the completion of the spring semester of the sophomore year, 2) obtain a minimum 3.00 cumulative Q.P.A. for all major and collateral* courses by the completion of the spring semester of the sophomore year, and 3) earn a minimum grade of "C" in all major and collateral* courses each semester.

Upon completion of the fall semester (sophomore year), any student with a cumulative Q.P.A. below 2.85 will be automatically placed on one semester of Physician Assistant Program Academic Probation. If a student fails to obtain a minimum "C" grade in a major or collateral* course during the sophomore year (including summer), or at the completion of the spring semester (sophomore year) falls below the minimum 2.85 cumulative Q.P.A., the student will be dismissed from the Physician Assistant Program. Upon completion of the spring semester (sophomore year), any student with the major/collateral* courses cumulative Q.P.A. below 3.00 will be automatically placed on Physician Assistant Program Academic Probation.

Junior (Year 03 - These requirements pertain to Summer, Fall and Spring semester)

All junior students must maintain the following academic requirements to progress into the professional phase as a Physician Assistant major: 1) obtain a minimum 3.00 cumulative Q.P.A. at the completion of the spring semester of the junior year, 2) obtain a minimum 3.00 cumulative Q.P.A. for all major and collateral* courses by the completion of the spring semester of the junior year, 3) obtain a minimum grade of "C" in all major and collateral* courses each semester, 4) provide documentation of 100 hours of health care experience (40 of which must be spent working with a PA).

Upon completion of the fall semester (junior year), any student with a cumulative Q.P.A. below 3.00 or the major/collateral* courses cumulative Q.P.A. below 3.00 will be automatically placed on one semester of Physician Assistant Program Academic Probation. If a student fails to obtain a minimum "C" grade in a major or collateral* course during the junior year (including summer), or at the completion of the spring semester (junior year) falls below the minimum 3.00 cumulative Q.P.A. or the major/collateral* courses cumulative Q.P.A. is below 3.00, the student will be dismissed from the Physician Assistant Program.

Any junior student who does not provide documentation of 100 hours of health care experience by the end of spring semester (junior year) will be delayed in entering the professional phase by at least one year.

A student dismissed from the Physician Assistant Program as a freshman, sophomore or junior will need to contact the Director of Advising and Retention (Renee Bernard) to be reassigned as another major. No seat in the professional phase of the Physician Assistant Program is guaranteed for students who do not meet the minimum progression standards.

All core, collateral*, professional electives and pre-professional physician assistant major courses must be satisfactorily completed before the student is allowed to progress into the professional phase.

*Collateral courses: Chemistry 103, Chemistry 104, Biology 205, Biology 206, Biology 214, Psychology 101 and Statistics 101 (or upper level math)

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCIENCES
MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCIENCES PROGRAM
PRE-PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

I have had the opportunity to review a copy of the Physician Assistant Program Student Policy Manuals. I have read the enclosed policies concerning the physician assistant major. I understand my obligation to fulfill all requirements of the Program in the outlined time frame. I fully understand the information, have had the opportunity to have any questions answered and hereby agree to abide by the information concerning Physician Assistant Program policies contained within these documents, specifically the progression standards, as listed below. Additionally, I agree to abide by the University rules and regulations as set forth in the University catalog.

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Student's Signature

Printed Name

Date

After completing this form, please return it to the Department.

Professional Electives

Introduction:

The concept of professional electives in the physician assistant curriculum was developed to provide students with the opportunity to explore other areas of academic interest. The coursework to provide this interest may be offerings by other Departments at the University, elective courses developed by the PA faculty and offered through the Department of Physician Assistant Sciences or other elective coursework that the student may submit for approval as an elective course. The intent of the six credit professional elective is to allow the student to develop a “mini” area of expertise. This may be a concentration in a foreign language of a population that the student anticipates working with upon transition to clinical assignments, or a broadened academic background, such as genetics or an adjunctive skill such as management. The structure of this series of credits provides the student with wide latitude in the selection of courses.

Method:

Students will select six credits of approved coursework from the list provided by the Department of Physician Assistant Sciences (see list). Students may petition for the inclusion of additional courses to be added to the list by submitting rationale for consideration to the DPAS faculty on the appropriate form. Please note that the Department faculty reserves the right to add or delete courses based upon periodic review. Courses may occasionally count as both professional electives and also satisfy other University requirements simultaneously. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to assure that they have completed the minimum number of credits necessary for graduation with a bachelors degree during their fourth year, especially in cases where courses will “double count” for requirements. Only foreign language courses beyond the general education requirement for graduation will count toward satisfying the professional elective requirement unless the course is specifically listed as a professional elective. Courses or credit given through CLEP or AP testing will not count towards a professional elective. Students may take a course at another institutions with prior approval from the Department of Physician Assistant Sciences that could serve as a professional elective.

Health Care Experience Requirement

Each preprofessional student must complete and document (see form) 100 hours of health care experience (volunteer or paid) prior to the end of the spring semester of the junior year. This requirement will help to develop the student's role concept through experience with a clinical PA role model to emulate; 40 of the 100 hours must be spent working with a PA.