



HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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Academic Standards and Progression-Completion Policy

APPLIES TO: CMU PA Students

BACKGROUND:

ARC-PA Standard A3.15 a-b states: *The program must define, publish, consistently apply and make readily available to students upon admission: a) any required academic standards; b) requirements and deadlines for progression in and completion of the program.*

PURPOSE:

To comply with ARC-PA standard A3.15 a & b, we must define, publish, apply, and make readily available to students the expectations of the CMU PA Program in regard to academic standards a student must achieve as well as how a PA student progresses in the program and what is required for completion of the PA Program, and the awarding of the Masters of Physician Assistant Studies Degree.

POLICY:

CMU PA Program policy regarding ARC Standard A 3.15, a & b, applies to both the incoming and current didactic students as well as the clinical year students. This information will be available to them via the CMU PA Program website as well as the Program Student Handbook and CMU Clinical Year Handbook.

PROCEDURE:

Standard A3.15a

- a) Academic Standards - Upon Admission (see Admissions Policy)
- b) Academic Standards - After Matriculation
 - 1. Maintain a cumulative 3.00 or above GPA for all PA courses (including HSC 630 if applicable)
 - a. Falling below a 3.00 GPA after any semester will result in Academic Probation by the Office of Graduate Studies. Per policy, students will have 2 semesters to reach an overall GPA of 3.0
 - i. Graduate Policy - <https://cmich.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024/graduate-bulletin/policies-and-general-information/academic-policies-and-information/graduate-academic-and-retention-standards/>
 - 2. Pass all courses in the PA curriculum with a C or better, 74%.

Standard 3.15b

- c) Requirements and Deadlines for Progression in the Program
 - 1. PA students will advance through the curriculum via semesters IF they are able to meet the Academic Standard.
 - 2. Per Graduate Studies Policy, a student who is unable to achieve a GPA of 3.0 or better after 2 probationary semesters may be dematriculated. A Student Progress Committee meeting would be scheduled prior to any action taken by Graduate Studies.
 - 3. A student must “successfully relate” to clients to progress in the program as explained in the Graduate Studies Bulletin. If a student does not successfully relate, or performs poorly, regarding patient care, clinical knowledge or professionalism, they may be placed on probation, suspended or decelerated and/or dismissed from the program.



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4. All courses must be successfully completed (C or better) in order for a student to progress to the next semester. In the event that the student fails a course, they will be decelerated until such time as they can retake the failed course and pass with a C or greater. In the event that they are also below a 3.0 GPA, they will remain on probation per Graduate Studies policy.
 - d) Requirements and Deadlines for Completion of the Program
 1. Successfully complete all PA courses in the PA curriculum with a passing grade, along with a GPA of 3.0 or higher – 130 credit hrs.
 2. Successfully complete all Supervised Clinical Practical Experiences as defined by the program (8 rotations):
 - a. Pass Summative Course, PHA 693.
 - b. Fulfill the service-learning requirement of 40 recorded hours while in program.
 - e) Please note the following:
 1. Once a student has matriculated in the PA Program, in the case of a student-initiated leave or program- defined deceleration, the student has 48 months to successfully complete all requirements of the PA program.

Approved by Program Faculty on June 7, 2024.

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Signature

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