

Applies To: Students

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BACKGROUND:

The rigorousness of the PA program may potentially lead to a student failing a course. This failure is usually a result of poor performance on an examination. If a failure occurs, the student will have the opportunity to remediate the course/exam to maintain the required GPA for advancement in the PA program.

PURPOSE:

To ensure a student the opportunity to remediate a course/exam to better their understanding and grasp of essential subject matter and potentially improve their GPA to be taken off academic probation or advance into the clinical phase of the program.

ARC-PA standard A3.15: The program must define policies and procedures for remediation and deceleration.

POLICY:

All students who receive a grade below a 70% on any exam, will be given the option for remediation. Only one exam per semester, per course, will be subject to remediation with subsequent eligibility for grade improvement. The maximum score for grade improvement on a failed exam is 70%. There will be no remediation or grade improvement for final exams in any course. Remediation will be at the discretion of the instructor of record, as described in each course syllabus.

PROCEDURE:

If a student receives a failing grade in any didactic course (below a 70%), they will be given the option of remediation. They are not required to do remediation, but this is strongly recommended. The remediation will be the responsibility of the instructor of record for the affected course. If a student fails an exam (<70%), in the didactic year, the Student Progress Committee and the student's advisor will be notified by the instructor of record. In the event the instructor of record is adjunct faculty, the appointed overseeing faculty instructor will aid in the remediation assignment. (All adjunct faculty courses will have a full-time faculty instructor of record to oversee the course). Remediation will include some type of assignment for the student that pertains to the area(s) of deficiency noted on the exam. The form in which the remediation activity takes is at the discretion of the course instructor. Once the assignment is successfully completed, the student will then be given an alternate quiz, as developed by the course instructor, to test their knowledge on the course topics in total. Remediation will be allowed for all exams, however, only ONE failed exam will be eligible for grade improvement, up to 70%, per semester for that course. There will be no grade adjustment or remediation for final exams. All remediation evaluations and discussions will be documented in Typhon under Didactic Remediation.

Approved by Faculty Executive Committee on August 22, 2023



Didactic Year Remediation Policy

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