



APPLIES TO: Students, PA Program Faculty, SCPE Preceptors

BACKGROUND: Living arrangements that involve faculty or preceptors can compromise the objectivity of assessments and the fairness of educational experiences. There is also concern that living situations involving SCPE preceptor homes could compromise safety due to the vulnerable situation students may be in during the clinical year. This policy aligns with professional standards that emphasize the importance of clear boundaries and equitable learning environments.

PURPOSE: To uphold the integrity of the educational environment, prevent conflicts of interest, and maintain professional boundaries between students, faculty, and clinical preceptors in the Physician Assistant (PA) Program.

POLICY: Students enrolled in the PA Program are **not permitted to live with any program faculty member, staff member, clinical preceptor or clinical site staff** at any time during their enrollment in the program. This policy is designed to protect the objectivity of evaluations and preserve appropriate professional boundaries.

Exceptions:

An exception to this policy will be made **only in cases where the student and the faculty member, staff member, or preceptor are first-degree relatives** (i.e., parent, sibling, or child). In such cases, the relationship must be disclosed in writing to the Program Director. The Program will ensure that appropriate measures are taken to avoid conflicts of interest, including but not limited to reassigning evaluation duties or clinical placement oversight.

Additional exceptions *may be* considered on a case-by-case basis in situations when the residence is an established rental property and will not include the student and preceptor living in the same residence. This exception must be granted prior to the student committing to any living situation by the Program Director to ensure student safety as well as the integrity of the program policy.

PROCEDURE:

1. Disclosure:

Any potential living arrangement involving a first-degree relative who serves as faculty, staff, or preceptor must be disclosed to the Program Director prior to the start of the academic year or clinical rotation.

2. Conflict Mitigation:

Upon disclosure, the Program will evaluate the potential for conflicts of interest and, where necessary, implement safeguards to prevent the relative from directly assessing or supervising the student.

3. Violation of Policy:

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the program, in accordance with the Student Handbook.



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