



APPLIES TO: All Physician Assistant students completing academic and clinical coursework, including but not limited to discussion posts, written assignments, case reports, SOAP notes, presentations, clinical documentation exercises, and other program-related submissions.

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BACKGROUND: Artificial intelligence (AI) tools, including generative platforms such as ChatGPT and similar technologies, are increasingly used in education and clinical training environments. While these tools may offer benefits in grammar support, organization, and concept clarification, their misuse may compromise academic integrity, professional development, and the accurate assessment of student clinical reasoning skills.

PURPOSE: To define appropriate, ethical, and transparent use of artificial intelligence tools within the Physician Assistant Program while maintaining academic integrity, ensuring patient safety, and supporting the development of independent clinical reasoning and professional communication skills.

POLICY: Students are expected to submit original work for all academic and clinical documentation. This includes discussion board posts, case reports, case logs, SOAP notes, reflections, presentations, and any other written assignments.

The use of AI tools to generate or compose substantive content is prohibited unless explicitly authorized by course faculty. AI may be used only for limited support purposes such as grammar correction, spelling assistance, concept clarification, organization, or improving clarity of writing. All submitted work must reflect the student's own knowledge, clinical reasoning, critical thinking, and engagement with course materials and patient encounters. For case reports and SOAP notes, students must include an AI disclosure statement indicating whether AI was used.

PROCEDURE:

1. Permitted AI Use

Students may use AI tools for:

- Grammar and spelling review
- Improving clarity and organization of writing
- Concept clarification or general study support
- Formatting assistance (non-clinical content only)

AI may not be used to generate clinical reasoning, diagnostic impressions, treatment plans, or substantive academic content.

2. Required AI Disclosure (Case Reports and SOAP Notes Only)

Students must include one of the following statements at the end of all case reports and SOAP notes:



AI Used Disclosure:

I used AI tools for the following purposes: (e.g., concept clarification, grammar review, organization, or writing clarity). All clinical reasoning, assessment, and final conclusions are my own and were independently verified.

SOAP Note Example Disclosure:

AI assistance was used to refine the organization and wording of this note. All medical history, clinical interpretation, assessments, and plans were independently developed, reviewed, and verified by me in accordance with program standards.

No AI Used Disclosure:

I did not use artificial intelligence tools in completing this assignment.

3. Prohibited Use

The following uses of AI are strictly prohibited unless explicitly approved by faculty:

- Submitting AI-generated content as original work
- Using AI to complete exams, quizzes, OSCEs, or other assessments
- Entering patient-identifiable or protected health information (PHI) into AI systems
- Using AI to generate clinical documentation, assessments, or treatment plans
- Fabricating references, patient encounters, or clinical data

4. Responsibility and Accountability

Students are fully responsible for the accuracy, integrity, and originality of all submitted work. Use of AI does not transfer responsibility for academic or clinical content to the tool.

5. Violations

Suspected or confirmed misuse of AI will be addressed in accordance with the program's academic integrity and professionalism policies and may result in disciplinary action.

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