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of Science and Health
M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies

PROGRESSION (A3.15b)

Students progress through the program as a cohort. Due to the sequential nature of the curriculum, students must successfully complete all coursework in one semester before being allowed to progress to the subsequent semester.

At the conclusion of each semester, the Student Progress Committee reviews the academic and professional performance of students on probation or receiving remediation. Students must be recommended for progression by the Student Progress Committee to continue to the following semester.

Prior to the completion of the PA Program, overall student performance is reviewed to ensure the student has met the competencies of a program graduate to be recommended for graduation.

In the event the Student Progress Committee determines that a student is not recommended for the next semester or not recommended to progress to the clinical year or not recommended for graduation, the committee will make a recommendation of the student's status. This recommendation may include, but is not limited to, progression pending completion of required remediation, deceleration to a subsequent matriculating cohort, or dismissal.

Students may progress to the subsequent semester pending completion of a required remediation, per the discretion of the Student Progress Committee. PA students who are required to remediate and repeat a clinical rotation course are permitted to complete the requirements during the semester immediately following their original expected completion date. This situation will result in a delay in the student's completion and degree conferral dates.

PA PROGRAM DIDACTIC YEAR COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS (A3.15b)

To complete the didactic year, the student must satisfactorily complete the following:

- ✓ Complete the first semester with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7000
- ✓ Complete the didactic year in good academic and professional standing
- ✓ Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.000 upon completion of all didactic year courses
- ✓ Successfully complete and pass the Summative Didactic Year Written Examination.
- ✓ Adhere to all policies of PA program.
- ✓ Adhere to the Katz School Code of Ethics.
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- ✓ Settle all financial obligations to the University.
- ✓ Complete all health forms required by the PA program and the University Health Service.

DIDACTIC YEAR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE FAILURES

Probation: A student who earns two “C” grades (“C” or “C+”) or has a cumulative GPA below 3.000 in any semester will be placed on academic probation beginning the following semester (if not otherwise dismissed from the program). A student on probation will have to improve their cumulative GPA to 3.000 by the end of the semester. Failure to achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.000 will result in dismissal from the Program.

When a student is placed on probation, he/she will receive a letter from the Program Director that outlines the reason for the probation and a date for a performance review meeting with their faculty advisor. After the meeting with their advisor, the student will be provided with a letter outlining a success plan created by the faculty advisor in conjunction with the progression committee. The terms of the success plan must be met by the student to return to good academic standing. The student must sign and return the letter acknowledging his/her understanding and responsibilities.

Where applicable, during their academic probation students may not be permitted to apply for their next externship or internship or attend an externship or internship they already received. Additionally, they will not be permitted to serve in leadership positions in club, program, school or university organizations.

Being placed on academic probation may impact on a student’s financial aid. Please contact the Office of Student Finance for more information.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CLINICAL YEAR (A3.15b)

- ✓ Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.000 upon completion of all clinical year courses.
- ✓ Complete the clinical year in good academic and professional standing.
- ✓ Adhere to policies of the PA program.
- ✓ Adhere to the Katz School Code of Ethics.
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SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PA PROGRAM (A3.15b)

To graduate from the Yeshiva University PA Program and be eligible to sit for the PANCE licensure examination, the student must satisfactorily complete the following:

- ✓ Complete all Didactic Year requirements (as noted above on page 53)
- ✓ Complete all Clinical Year requirements (as noted above on page 64)
- ✓ Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.000 upon completion of all PA program curricular coursework.
- ✓ Demonstrate all PA profession competencies as noted in the student handbook and course syllabi.
- ✓ Pass each component of the three-part PA program Summative Evaluation (detailed information follows below).
- ✓ Adhere to policies of the PA program.
- ✓ Adhere to the Katz School Code of Ethics.
- ✓ Adhere to the PA program Code of Conduct.
- ✓ Settle all financial obligations to the University.
- ✓ Complete all health forms required by the PA program and the University Health Service.

Program Summative Evaluation: Within the final 4 months of the program students are required to complete a summative evaluation demonstrating they can meet the program competencies required to enter clinical practice. The summative evaluation includes:

1. Written/multiple choice end of curriculum examination;
2. An individual Objective Skill and Clinical Examination (OSCE); and
3. A group OSCE

If a student, who is otherwise in good academic and professional standing fails any of the 3 components, they can remediate and retake the failed component until competency is reached as defined by an approved remediation plan established by the program.

Successful completion of the PA program will be documented, reviewed with each student, and noted in the student file. The program will review all student files prior to certifying program completion to ensure all requirements have been met.