

DISMISSAL (A3.15c)

Dismissal at the End of the First Semester: If in the first semester of study, a student earns an “F” grade in any course, two “C” grades (“C” or C+), or fails to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.700, they will be dismissed from the program.

Failing a Course: If a student earns an “F” grade in any didactic or clinical course (excluding clinical rotations) in any semester, the student will be dismissed from the program. The consequences of earning an “F” grade in a clinical rotation course are described below.

Failure of End-Of-Rotation (EOR) Examinations: A student is permitted to take a maximum of one (1) remedial examination in a single clinical rotation course, and no more than two (2) remedial examinations during their clinical year.

If a student fails an EOR examination, the student will be referred to their faculty advisor and be required to remediate before being allowed to take a second exam on the same course content he/she failed. If the student fails the remedial examination, the student will receive an “F” grade for the course and must repeat the rotation at the end of the clinical year, after successfully completing the remainder of the clinical curriculum requirements. The student will repeat the course at his/her own expense at the time/dates/location chosen by PA Program faculty. This situation may result in a delay in the student’s completion and degree conferral dates. The grade earned from the repeated course will replace the “F.” The “F” will remain on the student’s transcript but will not be included in their cumulative GPA.

Failing a Clinical Rotation Course: A student is permitted to fail one (1) clerkship course either due to academic or clinical skills deficiency (preceptor evaluation, or end of rotation exam), and will be referred to their faculty advisor for remediation. The student will be required to remediate with PA Program faculty and will repeat the course at the end of the clinical year, after successfully completing the remainder of the clinical curriculum requirements. The student will repeat the course at his/her own expense at the time/dates/location chosen by PA Program faculty. This situation may result in a delay in the student’s completion and degree conferral dates. The grade earned from the repeated course will replace the “F.” The “F” will remain on the student’s transcript but will not be included in their cumulative GPA. If a student fails two (2) clinical rotation courses, they will be dismissed from the program.

Failing a Clinical Course/Clerkship Rotation Due to Professional Misconduct: Students who are dismissed from their clinical site due to Professional Misconduct will be assigned an “F” grade for the clinical clerkship course and are will either be subject to immediate suspension from continuing with additional placements while an



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investigation is conducted (if necessary) or dismissal from the PA Program. If a student is allowed to return to clinicals after a suspension period, this may result in a delay in the student's completion, degree conferral dates, and timeline to site for the NCCPA examination PANCE licensure exam.

Failing a Didactic Year Course Due to Excessive Unexcused Absences: If a student is absent from 10% or more of a didactic year course during the semester, he/she will receive a final grade of "F."

Failing a Clinical Year Course Due to Excessive Unexcused Absences: If a student is absent from 10% or more of a clinical course/rotation during the semester, he/she will receive a final grade of "F."

Reasons for dismissal include but are not limited to:

- Earning an "F" grade in any course during the didactic year and any non-rotation course during the clinical year.
- Earning an "F" grade in two clinical rotation courses.
- Earning two "C" grades (C or C+) in the first semester of the didactic year.
- Failure to achieve a minimum 2.700 GPA at the end of the first semester in the didactic year.
- Failure to maintain a 3.000 cumulative GPA at the end of any semester on probation.
- Failure of the Didactic Year Summative Examination (as described on page 54).
- Criminal arrest or conviction.
- Positive drug test.
- Alcohol intoxication or under the influence of drugs during any learning experience; didactic or clinical.
- A violation of the Katz Code of Ethics.
- A violation of the PA Code of Conduct.
- Any type of harassment including sexual harassment.
- Unprofessional behavior whether on or off campus including but not limited to inappropriate conduct toward faculty, staff, peers, and preceptors, as well as unprofessional activity on social media.
- Behavior that is dangerous to a patient or any other person in a clinical or academic setting.