

Master of Science Physician Assistant Studies

Student Employment¹

Responsible Party	Program Director and Principal Faculty
Minimum Review Frequency	Annual
Associated Forms	None
ARC-PA Associated Standards	A 3.15e
Initial Effective Date	11/19/2021
Last Review Date	11/19/2021
Next Review Date	09/01/2023

Rationale:

The Pfeiffer University MS-PAS program consists of an extremely rigorous and demanding didactic and clinical curriculum. Students enrolled in the Pfeiffer University MS-PAS program must demonstrate commitment to academic excellence during their 27 month tenure with the program.

Policy:

The Pfeiffer University MS-PAS program does not require enrolled students to be employed and strongly discourages from being employed during their tenure with the program.

There will be no exceptions or accommodations granted to didactic or clinical course work, scheduling of classes, labs, exams, special assignments, community service work, or supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) assignments due to employment.

Employment of any kind (paid/volunteer) during the program will not be accepted to excuse absence from scheduled learning activities, justify poor performance, or be considered as extenuating circumstances when assessing the students' academic and professional progress.

The Pfeiffer University MS-PAS program does not permit matriculated students to not substitute for or function as instructional faculty; nor are they allowed to work (paid or voluntary) for the program in any capacity.

During SCPEs, students may not substitute for clinical or administrative staff and must ensure all services provided to patients are directly supervised. The student must contact the DCE or the PD immediately if asked to function as clinical instructor or administrative staff. Students must not accept compensation for any services provided during supervised clinical experiences.

Any violations to any component of this policy will result in referral to the Academic and Professional Performance Review Committee.

Review

This policy will be reviewed at the annual program retreat.

¹ ARC-PA Accreditation Standards for Physician Assistant Education A 3.15e