



Master of Science
Physician Assistant Studies

Policy on Timely Access to Counseling

Responsible Party	Program Director and Principal Faculty
Minimum Review Frequency	Annual
Associated Forms	None
ARC-PA Associated Standards	A3.10
Initial Effective Date	11/19/2021
Last Review Date	11/19/2021
Next Review Date	09/01/2023

Rationale

The Pfeiffer University Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MS-PAS) program considers the wellness of its students of utmost importance. Therefore, the program has developed the following policy in order to address the wellbeing facing personal issues that may impact their progress in the program.

Policy

An appropriate and timely referral to the Academic and Professional Review Committee (APPRC) as soon as the MS-PAS program director, medical director, principal and/or instructional faculty have knowledge of a student facing personal issues that may impact their progress in the program. The APPRC may recommend a student to receive professional care for a variety of problems (e.g. emotional, addictive or psychiatric disorders).

The program has partnered with Monarch Behavioral Health Services located at 350 Pee Dee Ave., Ste. A, Albemarle, NC 28001 who has agreed to provide behavioral health services regardless of the student's insurance status. Students additionally have university provided Student Counseling Services and Student Health Services on the Misenheimer campus during the Spring and Fall semesters.

If a student is directed to seek these services, the student has a choice of choosing resources recommended by the university or other resources arranged by the student her/himself.

Verification that the student has received these services may be required. In addition, the APPRC may require that the student have his/her counselor/physician submit information and/or recommendation to the committee chair relating to the student's academic program.

If a student is directed to arrange for such services, but does not do so, the APPRC may evaluate the student's professional attitudes.

Review

This policy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and at the annual program retreat, to ensure that sufficient resources are available for students facing personal issues that may impact their progress in the program.

Students also have access to Jennie Carrick, FNP at Student Health during spring and fall semesters.