



Master of Science
Physician Assistant Studies

Dismissal Policy

Responsible Party	Pfeiffer University
Minimum Review Frequency	Annual
Associated Forms	None
ARC-PA Associated Standards	A3.15d
Initial Effective Date	11/19/2021
Last Review Date	11/19/2021
Next Review Date	09/01/2023

Academic Dismissal

- **Academic Dismissal** is defined as failure of two courses.
 - **Didactic Phase**
 - Students who fail two courses, after completion of an individualized plan of remediation as per policy, in the didactic phase will be dismissed from the program.
 - The APPRC will review the student’s course documents confirming failure of the courses.
 - The Program Director will then authorize Academic Dismissal and notify the Dean of the Division of Applied Health Sciences.
 - If there is continued interest in the program; the student must re-apply and go through the entire admissions process.
 - **Clinical Phase**
 - Please refer to *Clinical Phase Remediation*

Dismissal due to Unprofessional Behavior

- **Unprofessional Behaviors**
 - Examples of unprofessional behaviors that **will** result in **prompt** referral to the Academic and Professional Performance Committee (APPRC) and **dismissal** from the program*:
 - Violation of principles related to academic integrity (i.e. evidence of cheating on an assignment or test), and plagiarism as outlined by the Pfeiffer University Honor Code
 - Student intoxication or presumed intoxication from alcohol, prescription, or other drugs
 - Student communication or interaction that is openly discriminatory, demeaning, or could reasonably be perceived as mentally or physically harmful to others, including but limited to faculty, students, patients, patient’s family or caregivers, and healthcare providers.

*The program reserves the right to determine the degree of egregiousness of the behavior.

Review

This policy will be reviewed at the annual program retreat.