



Master of Science
Physician Assistant Studies

Policy Regarding Student Pregnancy

Responsible Party	Program Director and Principal Faculty
Minimum Review Frequency	Annual
Associated Forms	None
ARC-PA Associated Standards	N/A
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 health, safety and welfare of its faculty, student body, staff and the community we serve of utmost importance. Therefore, the program has developed the following policy in order to safeguard the wellbeing of all.

Policy

In the event of pregnancy:

- a. The student must provide early and written notification of the pregnancy to the Program Director in order to formulate a sound educational plan that will lead to satisfactory completion of the Program.
- b. Written documentation from the OB/GYN physician must either release the student as unrestricted or identify any limitations in the event that activities need to be restricted. This documentation must be submitted directly to the Program Director as soon as the pregnancy is confirmed.
- c. Upon the return to the Program, OB/GYN physician must also submit written documentation directly to the Program Director, releasing the student to return as a full-time student with no restrictions.
- d. Time off (either during the didactic or clinical phase) due to pregnancy must be made up and will delay graduation.
- e. All requirements must be completed successfully in order to graduate.

Review

This policy will be reviewed at the annual program retreat.