

## Supervised Clinical Practice Experience Affiliation Agreements<sup>1</sup>

<b>Responsible Party</b>	Program Director
<b>Minimum Review Frequency</b>	Annual
<b>Associated Forms</b>	None
<b>ARC-PA Associated Standards</b>	A3.03
<b>Initial Effective Date</b>	11/19/2021
<b>Last Review Date</b>	June 2023
<b>Next Review Date</b>	May 2024

### Rationale:

The Pfeiffer University Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MS-PAS) program is committed to the continuous development of supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) sites. The evaluation, selection, and eventual approval of a SCPE site is a rigorous process, this is to ensure that the SCPE site provides sufficient clinical experience to facilitate the achievement of the clinical rotation's instructional objectives, learning outcomes and expected competencies. The Pfeiffer University MS-PAS program requires current, formal, finalized, and fully executed affiliation agreements between all SCPE sites and Pfeiffer University. These agreements are legal documents that address academic, physical, clinical, and liability issues.

### Policy:

The evaluation, selection, and eventual approval of a supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE) site and preceptor is a rigorous process, this is to ensure that the SCPE site provides sufficient clinical experience to facilitate the achievement of the clinical rotation's instructional objectives, learning outcomes and expected competencies. The program requires a current and fully executed written and signed affiliation agreements between all SCPE sites and Pfeiffer University. These agreements are legal documents that address academic, physical, clinical, and liability issues. The process of attaining SCPE sites is solely the responsibility of the program and facilitated by the Pfeiffer University legal counsel. Students or their agents are not allowed to solicit or negotiate an affiliation with a SCPE site. If a student becomes aware of a potential clinical site a SCPE Request Form must be submitted to the Director of Clinical Education (DCE) or Clinical Coordinator. Students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors. The evaluation process to determine if the prospective SCPE site is suitable for educational purposes and meets all academic, physical, and clinical standards will be conducted by the DCE and approved by the Program Director.

### Review

This policy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the DCE and the Clinical Support Coordinator. Furthermore, the DCE will prepare an annual report which will be reviewed at the annual program retreat.

<sup>1</sup> ARC-PA Accreditation Standards for Physician Assistant Education 5<sup>th</sup> ed. A 3.03

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At its September 2022 meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) placed the Pfeiffer University Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program sponsored by Pfeiffer University on Accreditation-Probation status until its next review in September 2024.

Probation accreditation is a temporary accreditation status initially of not less than two years. However, that period may be extended by the ARC-PA for up to an additional two years if the ARC-PA finds that the program is making substantial progress toward meeting all applicable standards but requires additional time to come into full compliance. Probation accreditation status is granted, at the sole discretion of the ARC-PA, when a program holding an accreditation status of Accreditation - Provisional or Accreditation - Continued does not, in the judgment of the ARC-PA, meet the *Standards* or when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened.

Once placed on probation, a program that fails to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and is subject to having its accreditation withdrawn.

Specific questions regarding the Program and its plans should be directed to the Program Director and/or the appropriate institutional official(s).

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-pfeiffer-university/>.

