

Solicitation of Clinical Sites

Responsible Party	Program Director and Director of Clinical Education
Minimum Review Frequency	Annual
Associated Forms	None
ARC-PA Associated Standards	A3.03
Initial Effective Date	11/19/2021
Last Review Date	January 2024
Next Review Date	January 2025

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 process of attaining SCPE sites is solely the responsibility of the program. Students or their agents are not allowed to negotiate an affiliation with a SCPE site. If a student becomes aware of a potential preceptor, a SCPE Request Form must be submitted to the Clinical Team. **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 Clinical Team and approved by the Program Director.

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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/>.

