



Policy: Dismissal Policy	Applicability: PA Students
Policy Owner: PA Program	Approved By: Dean of the School of Graduate Studies
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PURPOSE: To inform Meharry Medical College (MMC) Physician Assistant Sciences (PAS) Program students of the policy on dismissal.

POLICY: Student Learners will be referred for dismissal for failure to comply with academic, clinical or professional standards.

DEFINITIONS: Dismissal – Refers to a student being expelled or removed from an academic program or an institution due to poor academic performance or misconduct.

PROCEDURE: Students will be recommended for dismissal by the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee to the Program Director if:

1. A student earns an “F” in any course
2. A student does not earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above at the end of the didactic or clinical phases of the curriculum.
3. A student’s GPA falls below 3.0 for a second time
4. A student on academic probation does not show sufficient progress, as deemed by the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee.
5. Failure of four first attempt PAEA End of Rotation Exams
6. Failure of two SCPE courses
7. A student’s professional conduct violates MMC Student Code of Conduct, the MMC PAS Program’s professionalism policy, state or federal law, or for moral turpitude, unprofessional behavior, criminal activity, or other reasons as defined by the College .

Meharry Medical College Physician Assistant Sciences Program reserves the right to dismiss at any time a student who, in its judgment, is undesirable and whose continued enrollment is detrimental to him/herself or his/her fellow students or whose presence is disruptive to the learning environment or the orderly operation of the Program.

EXHIBITS:

RELATED POLICIES: