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**PURPOSE:** To inform Meharry Medical College (MMC) Physician Assistant Sciences (PAS) Program students of the policy on Academic Probation.

**POLICY:**
To remain in good academic standing in the Physician Assistant Sciences Program, the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 each semester and maintain professional performance throughout the didactic and clinical courses. A student will be placed on Academic Probation if:

1. His /Her cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or
2. His/Her term GPA falls below a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
3. Failure of three first attempt PAEA End of Rotation remediation examination
4. Failure of two (2) first attempt PA Education Association (PAEA) End of Rotation Examinations and two (2) remediation examinations
5. Failure of a Supervised Clinical Practice Experience (SCPE) Course
6. He/She fails to exhibit appropriate professional behavior (see Professionalism policy)

**DEFINITIONS:**

Academic Standing – Current status in terms of academic performance and progress within the MMC PAS Sciences Program

**PROCEDURE:**

1. A student with a cumulative GPA below 3.0 at the end of any didactic semester will receive notification from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Graduate Studies that they are on academic probation.
2. To be removed from academic probation during the didactic phase, the student must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above within two didactic semesters.
3. If the student fails to raise his or her cumulative GPA to 3.0 or higher within two didactic semesters, the student will be referred to the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee for recommendation of dismissal from the Program.
4. If a student is placed on academic probation at the culmination of the last didactic semester, the student must have no less than a 3.0 term GPA for two consecutive terms to be removed from academic probation

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5. A student who fails three (3) first attempt PAEA End of Rotation examinations during the clinical phase of the Program will receive a notification from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Graduate Studies that they are on probation for the remainder of the clinical phase of the Program.
6. A student with two (2) first-attempt PAEA End of Rotation remediation failures will receive a notification from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Graduate Studies that they are on probation for the remainder of the clinical phase of the Program.
7. A student who fails a SCPE course will receive notification from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Graduate Studies that they are on probation for the remainder of the clinical phase of the Program.
8. At any point while on academic probation during the clinical phase of the program the may be referred to the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee for unsatisfactory progress.
9. The Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee makes the recommendation of probation or dismissal to the Program Director.
10. The Program Director may accept or deny the recommendation.

Students Cited for Professionalism:

1. Any violation of published Institutional or program policies pertaining to misconduct unbecoming of any MMC PA Sciences student, regardless of the student's calculated grade for a particular course or GPA will be referred to the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee.
2. Based on the incident(s) and associated documentation, the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee may recommend disciplinary action, including but not limited to counseling, oral reprimand, written reprimand, probation, restitution, suspension, referral to the Institutional Student Disciplinary Committee, and probation.
3. All students referred to the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee for inappropriate professional behavior will be required to complete a remediation plan defined by the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee.

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4. If a student is placed on probation, the length of probation will be determined by the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee.
5. If the student fulfills the outcomes described in the remediation plan within the specified timeframe, he or she will be removed from probation.
6. If the student fails to fulfill the outcomes described in the remediation plan within the specified timeframe the student will be referred to the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee for recommendation of dismissal.

**EXHIBITS:**

**RELATED POLICIES:**