

Requirements for Progression & Completion

To progress to the next semester, a student must satisfactorily complete all academic requirements for the preceding semester including successfully completing all remediation plans. If a student is placed on academic probation at any time during or at the conclusion of a semester, he/she must meet the criteria for good academic standing by the end of the subsequent semester to progress through the program. At the conclusion of each semester, the PA Student Progression Committee performs a holistic review of each student's performance in order to make recommendations for continuation to the subsequent semester. These recommendations are made to the Program Director who has authority to approve the recommendations. In order for a student to progress from the pre-clinical phase into the clinical phase, they must also be recommended for continuation by the PA Student Progression Committee and approved by the Program Director.

To maintain good academic standing the following must be met:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above
- Achieve a "Satisfactory" or letter grade of "C" (70%) or better in all pre-clinical and clinical phase courses as stipulated within each course syllabus
- Successfully complete remediation plans as documented on the student's individualized Focused Learning Plan(s)
- Exhibit professional behaviors consistent with clinical practice as a PA as documented in the PA Program Handbook and Clinical Phase Manual
- Display ability to meet Technical Standards of the Program (outlined in this Handbook)

To successfully complete the Pre-clinical Phase of the Program and enter the Clinical Phase, the student must:

- Achieve good academic standing, as described above, prior to the start of the Clinical Phase
- Pass the Core Competency Evaluation at the end of the pre-clinical phase with a score of at least 70% on each component of the assessment after no more than two attempts (second attempt is at the discretion of the PA Program Student Progression Committee). See the Pre-clinical Seminar course syllabus for more details.
- Pay tuition/fees in full
- Submit documentation of an ability to meet the program's technical standards (signed by the student)
- Submit documentation of required screenings/immunization updates and any additional clearances (as per the Clinical Phase Handbook) to Exxat
- Hold current CPR and ACLS certification, not to expire during the clinical phase
- Be recommended for progression by the PA Student Progression Committee

For a student to graduate from the PA program, the student must:

- Meet the time to completion requirement: Successfully complete all coursework according to program defined academic standards in no more than 30 (thirty) months. The coursework is a total of 28.5 credit units, which includes 18.5 credit units of didactic curriculum (pre-clinical and clinical phase combined) and 40 weeks (10 credit units) of supervised clinical practice experiences (clinical rotation)
- Be in good academic standing, as described above
- Demonstrate entry-level competence as a physician assistant per the Program Competencies (Learning Outcomes), assessed through the Summative Program Evaluation, taken within four months of graduation
- Be recommended for graduation by the PA Student Progression Committee and approved by the Program Director
- Have all tuition and fees paid in full
- The College reserves the right to dismiss a student at any time for unsatisfactory academic performance, academic dishonesty, or for conduct detrimental to the College, to the welfare of patients, or to the welfare of other students, faculty or staff. The Program also reserves the right to dismiss a student if it is determined that a

student's conduct is not consistent with the professional behavior of a future Physician Assistant. Failure to maintain good academic standing may result in dismissal from the program. In addition, a student who does not pay all tuition and fees by the due date may be dismissed from the Program.