



**POLICIES**

Effective Date: January 1, 2019

Retired:

Revised:

Approved by:

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Subject:

PA Program Graduation Requirements Policy

**PURPOSE:**

**The purpose of this policy is:**

To define the Meharry Medical College Physician Assistant Sciences Program requirements for graduation.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

To qualify for graduation from the MMC Physician Assistant Sciences Program and be eligible for a Master in Physician Assistant Studies degree, each student must have met the following conditions:

1. Student Progress Committee confirms all requirements for graduation have been met and they recommend the student for graduation
2. Successful completion of the MMC PA Program Curriculum with a minimum cumulative GPA of at least a 2.50 within the (48) months of matriculation, excluding any and all leaves of absence. Any student who does not finish within the required timeframe is dismissed from the MMC PA Sciences Program.
3. Compliance with all high standards of professional and moral conduct and adherence to all College rules and codes of conduct.
4. Payment of all financial obligations
5. Returned all loaned equipment to the respective schools
6. Successful completion of all required examinations
7. Students who have completed all of the above requirements within 30 days after commencement and verified by the Student Progress Committee will receive a diploma with the published commencement date. Those completing all requirements greater than 30 days after commencement will receive a diploma with the date of June 30, October 31, or December 31, as applicable.

**DEFINITIONS:**

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**PROCEDURE:**

The procedure includes the following steps:

The Student Progress Committee (SPC) of the PA Program will identify students who have successfully completed all academic requirements; the program director will provide a list of eligible students to the SOGSR Executive Committee, which will review the list and vote to confer the degree to the students listed; the Dean will officially submit the names of students who are recommended for conferral of its Master of Physician Assistant Sciences (MPAS) to the President and the Board of Trustees, who approve conferring degrees.

**EXHIBITS:**