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Subject: MMC PA Program Students Called to Active Duty Policy.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to:

To state the rights and responsibilities of Meharry Medical College Physician Assistant Program (MMC PA) students who must take a leave of absence from the college due to being called to active duty.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Members of the State or National Guard, Reserve, or active United States Military, who are called to active duty (e.g. drill, annual training) will not be academically penalized for that service.

Students activated may have different options, depending on the time of the semester the student is called to duty and length of duty.

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

1. MMC PA students in the Didactic Phase of their PA education who are called to Active Military Duty for less than (2) weeks will have the opportunity to remediate the material which was missed. Remediable material includes examinations, laboratory/skills center activities and other curricular activities.

2. For MMC PA students in the Clinical Phase of their PA education who are called to Active Military Duty, a reasonable attempt will be made to allow the student to complete their current clinical rotation without a delay in their overall academic progression. However, this decision will be made at the discretion of the Clinical Education Director. If accommodations cannot be made that prevent a delay in academic progression, the student may be required to take a leave of absence and repeat the incomplete clinical rotation.

3. MMC PA students who are called to Active Military Duty for greater than (2) weeks should take a leave of absence. All rights and privileges granted students serving in the Armed Forces shall apply, and they will be allowed to continue their education.

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Depending on the length of Active Military Duty assignment, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis as to the best route for reinstating the student within the PA Curriculum. In cases of military deployments greater than 2 weeks, a delay in the student's originally projected graduation date may be inevitable. Decisions on where in the PA Curriculum to reinstate an MMC PA student returning from Active Military Duty will be made by the Student Progress Committee.

4. All students who are called to Active Military Duty are responsible for making arrangements with the Financial Aid Office regarding applications for loan deferments and other financial responsibilities.

EXHIBITS: