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Subject: Teaching Out Policy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is:

To outline the process and procedure regarding teaching out the Physician Assistant Sciences Program in the event of the program's closure.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The intent is for the MMC PA Program to complete the educational program for currently enrolled students. In the event of PA Program closure or loss of accreditation, the MMC PA Program will establish a teaching out plan that is in alignment with institutional policy and meets regional accreditation requirements and/or federal law when the MMC PA Program is prohibited from teaching out currently enrolled students.

If the MMC PA program is prohibited from teaching out currently enrolled students then all reasonable attempts to execute a teaching out agreement with currently accredited PA Programs will be made within a reasonable amount of time. The written agreement between the MMC PA Program and the accepting institution will provide for the equitable treatment of students and a reasonable opportunity for students to complete their program within a reasonable period of time.

Accepted applicants into the next class would be notified of the program's closure and change in accreditation status and applicants would be refunded all deposits and the supplemental application fee provided to apply to the program.

The teaching out plan and agreement for students would be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the ARC-PA for approval prior to execution.

DEFINITIONS:

Teach out Plan - a written plan developed by an institution that provides for the equitable treatment of students if the program ceases to operate before all students have completed their program of study.

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Teach-out Agreement - a written agreement between institutions that provides for the equitable treatment of students and a reasonable opportunity for students to complete their program of study if the program ceases to operate before all enrolled students have completed their program of study.

PROCEDURE:

The MMC PA Program Director will coordinate the teaching out of students with senior institutional officials in the event the accrediting authority allows the action and the institution supports it. If not, the MMC PA Program Director will contact regional accredited PA Programs to initiate a teach-out agreement and coordinate with senior institutional officials.

EXHIBITS: