

Policy: 1.7 Purpose and Scope of the Program Manual

The official policies, procedures, and expectations that govern the UT Tyler Physician Assistant Studies Program serve as a comprehensive reference for students, principal faculty, instructional faculty, preceptors, program administrators, and staff. The purpose of these policies is to ensure consistent understanding of program standards, promote compliance with University and School of Medicine policies, and support adherence to ARC-PA Accreditation Standards.

Program policies and procedures apply to all students, principal faculty, and the Program Director regardless of instructional or clinical location. This includes all didactic instruction sites, supervised clinical practice experience sites, program-sponsored activities, and any other location where program requirements are completed.

The policies and procedures are developed in alignment with, and in commitment to, full compliance with the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) Standards. They are reviewed and updated regularly to maintain accuracy and alignment with institutional policy, accreditation standards, and best practices in PA education. In the event of a conflict, University or School of Medicine policy supersedes program-level policy unless otherwise specified. A signed clinical affiliation agreement or memorandum of understanding may specify that certain program policies are superseded by policies or requirements of the clinical site.

The Program reserves the right to revise policies and procedures to ensure continued alignment with the mission of the PA Studies Program, the School of Medicine, and The University of Texas at Tyler. Students will be notified via University email when policy changes occur. The most current versions of program policies are maintained on the program website.

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