



Expectations of Students in the University of Southern Mississippi Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Please sign and date the form at the bottom, indicating that you understand that in the University of Southern Mississippi PA Program:

1. You can expect to spend 30-40 hours in class per week, with another 30-40 hours spent on school-related work outside of class.
2. You can expect to be in class Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. most days, although times may vary.
3. The program strongly discourages employment outside of class. Outside employment will not be accepted as an excuse to miss any required program activities.
4. Attendance in class is mandatory. If you are going to be late for class or miss class, you **MUST** notify your professor. If you are going to miss an extended period of time for health or family reasons, you must discuss this with your advisor or risk being expelled from the program.
5. Students are required to have a relatively new computer with Microsoft Office, a webcam, and high-speed Internet access available for exams.
6. It is your responsibility to have the required textbooks and medical equipment in time for each class.
7. In accordance with the USM policies and the USM PA Program Student Handbook, plagiarism or any other form of academic dishonesty may result in your dismissal from the program.
8. Failure to achieve published academic requirements may result in required remedial work, academic probation, and possible dismissal from the program. Failure to complete any required remedial work will result in dismissal from the program.
9. If you require accommodations or are struggling in your courses, it is your responsibility to contact your academic advisor or program director as soon as possible. No grades will be changed following an assessment if issues were not discussed with the instructor prior to the assessment.
10. You are required to check your USM email daily and be responsible for all changes on the student calendar.
11. Students are asked to honor this community by abstaining from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and inappropriate language on campus and at off-campus class sites.
12. You will be responsible for all housing and transportation costs, including the clinical year. Clinical students will be required to complete rotations at various locations, at times requiring significant travel.

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above.

Name:

Electronic Signature:

Date:

Please submit your completed form via CASPA or email it to chris.tuey@usm.edu