



## School of Health Sciences – Physician Assistant Program

### Work Policy

Due to the labor and time intensive nature of the Quinnipiac University Physician Assistant Program, students are strongly discouraged from working while enrolled in the program. Any student considering working while enrolled in the PA program must meet with the Department Chair/Program Director to discuss the issue prior to taking on a job. After meeting with the student to gather information about the proposed job, the Department Chair/Program Director will make a recommendation with respect to working while in the program. A letter is then placed in the student's file. This includes all military obligations.

Those students who choose to work (with or without program sanction) while in school are expected to attend scheduled classes and fulfill all stated criteria of the program. Performance and attendance policies are to be upheld as stated in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies Graduate Student Handbook. A student who chooses to work may not miss, be tardy or reschedule classes, labs, exams, special assignments, community service work or clinical rotations. The student may not switch classes, labs, special assignments, community service work or clinical rotations.

Academic standards must be upheld, and no make-up classes, labs or exams will be offered. If the student's academic or clinical performance deteriorates or falls below the program standard (minimum semester and overall GPA of 3.00), the Department Chair/Program Director may make the recommendation to discontinue working at any time during the student's didactic or clinical phase of training. A letter from the Department Chair/Program Director stating the need for the student to discontinue working will be placed in the student's file. Failure to abide by this policy is grounds for referral to the Academic Progression and Retention Committee and may lead to dismissal from the program.

Physician assistant students may not work within the QU Physician Assistant graduate program (or any of its clinical affiliates) and will not be substituted for regular staff or principle faculty. While enrolled in the University, no student may serve as an instructor or tutor (other than a classmate peer tutor) to other enrolled PA students.

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