

## Division of Physician Assistant Studies

### Student Employment Policy

#### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the program's policy with regard to student employment while enrolled in the physician assistant education program at West Virginia University.

#### Policy Statement

The WVU PA Program is a full-time obligation, and students are strongly discouraged from seeking outside employment while enrolled. Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled academic activities (classes, labs, clinical experiences, and inter-professional education sessions). Employment responsibilities cannot be used to justify absences or problems with academic performance. In addition, students in the program are not permitted to work for the WVU PA program, and may not substitute for or function as instructional or clinical faculty. During supervised clinical practice experiences students are not permitted to substitute for clinical or administrative staff.

#### Applicable ARC-PA Standards

**A3.04** PA students must not be required to work for the program.

**A3.05** Students must not substitute for or function as instructional faculty.

ANNOTATION: Students with specific prior knowledge, experiences, and skills may assist faculty in didactic and laboratory sessions to share their knowledge and skills. Students are not to be the primary instructor or instructor of record for any component of the curriculum.

**A3.06** Students must not substitute for clinical or administrative staff during supervised clinical practical experiences.

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