

## 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 physician assistant studies 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 interprofessional education sessions). Employment responsibilities cannot be used to justify absences or problems with academic performance.

Students in the physician assistant studies program are not permitted to work in any capacity for the 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. **Students who are asked to perform duties which they believe are outside of the clinical learning experience must notify the Director of Clinical Education immediately.**

#### 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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