

## Division of Physician Assistant Studies

### **Policy on Shadowing While Enrolled in the Program**

Student who desire to participate in shadowing experiences while enrolled in the program must be aware that they are not to represent themselves as students of West Virginia University's physician assistant studies program. The program does not endorse any clinical experiences outside of those which are scheduled by program faculty as part of the student's educational experience. Furthermore, students who participate in shadowing experiences must be aware that they are not covered under the University's malpractice insurance and may therefore be held liable for any damages or injury to a patient which occurs during a shadowing experience.

Students who arrange their own shadowing experiences **MUST NOT** wear any attire with the West Virginia University or WVU physician assistant studies logo, nor any name badge provided to them by the physician assistant studies program or any clinical entity in which they have scheduled clinical experiences.

### **Applicable ARC-PA Standards**

A3.01 Program policies must apply to all students, principal faculty and the program director regardless of location. A signed clinical affiliation agreement or memorandum of understanding may specify that certain program policies will be superseded by those at the clinical site.

A3.02 The program must define, publish, make readily available and consistently apply its policies and practices to all students.

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