PAS Program Student Policy for Awarding the Master of PAS Degree

1. The PAS program awards a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree only when a student (a) meets all GVSU Graduate School requirements (as outlined in the Graduate Academic Policies and Regulations, (b) meets all program requirements as outlined below, and (c) their graduate program grade point average (GPA) is equal to or greater than a "B" 3.0 average.

2. Program degree requirements include the following:

   a. Students are required to meet the objectives outlined in the GVSU PAS Mission, Goals, and Competencies. Program competencies are further broken down by program learning outcomes (student learning outcomes [GVSU]) and course learning outcomes (student learning objectives [GVSU]) throughout the PAS Program curriculum. Program competencies are evaluated through written, oral, and applied assessments.

   b. Didactic Academic Degree Requirements: Specific course requirements will be made available in the course syllabus. Students must achieve ≥80.00% final course grade in PAS courses and ≥75.00% final course grade in non-PAS courses (BMS 561 and STA 610). Students must also achieve all PAS Program didactic phase program learning outcomes as documented on the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Semester Competency Assessment Passports.

   c. Clinical Academic Degree Requirements: Clinical year students are expected to achieve all program learning outcomes during the clinical year. Although rotations may not always provide experience in all topics or procedures listed, each student is responsible for knowing the material through ongoing reading, research, and study during the rotation. Clinical Rotations I-III (PAS 610-630) course syllabi provide a framework for focused self-directed learning. A minimum grade of 75.00% is required to complete each clinical rotation successfully. In addition to the overall rotation grade, students are required to achieve ≥70% on the end-of-rotation examination and ≥80% on the Preceptor Evaluation of the Student for each clinical rotation. Please refer to the PAS Program Student Handbook and Clinical Rotations I-III (PAS 610-630) course syllabi for further information regarding requirements and grading for the clinical phase of the program. All clinical rotations must be successfully completed before graduation. Students must also demonstrate competency in each program learning outcome on summative assessments conducted in the last four months of the program before graduation.

3. All students must complete Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training as outlined in the PAS Program Student Policy for Responsible Conduct of Research Training and the Graduate Academic Responsible Conduct of Research for Graduate Students Policy.