

# Master of Science in Physician Assistant Code of Conduct

## Conduct

The South University Student Handbook defines a Code of Conduct that must be followed by all students. Failure to comply with general University policies may result in dismissal from the program and the University according to defined disciplinary procedures enforced by the Dean of Student Affairs. All disciplinary actions will be reported to the Progress Committee and will be considered relative to the student's suitability for continued participation in the program and entry into the Physician Assistant profession. Each student shall be attired appropriately whenever he/she is in a clinical (patient care) environment. Failure to adhere to appropriate guidelines for attire can result in dismissal from clinical activity with a resulting penalty applied for absence. In the belief that physicians and PA's are called to the highest standards of honor and professional conduct and understanding that this responsibility begins at the inception of one's medical education rather than upon receipt of degree, the students of the South University master of Science in Physician Assistant degree program must uphold the following standards that serve as an embodiment of the conduct and integrity to which they aspire. These standards are intended to promote an atmosphere of honesty, trust, and cooperation among the students, the faculty, their patients, and society. Students in the South University Master of Science in Physician Assistant degree program are expected to demonstrate behavior that is considered appropriate for a career in medicine. Appropriate behavior includes, but is not in any way limited to honesty, trustworthiness, professional demeanor, respect for the rights of others, personal accountability, and concern for the welfare of patients -all of which are outlined below. Violations of these Standards of Professionalism may result in disciplinary proceedings. For more information on policies and expectations on PA student conduct see the PA program Student Handbook

South University publishes its Graduate Honor Code in the South University Student Handbook and Catalog. All students enrolled in the South University Physician Assistant program are expected to abide by this code.

Alleged violations of the South University Graduate Honor Code will be referred to the Physician Assistant Program's Progress and Promotions Committee for review. If the Progress and Promotions Committee determines that there is adequate evidence of an Honor Code violation, the case will be referred to the South University Graduate Honor Council. Above and beyond the Graduate Honor Council decisions, the Progress and Promotions Committee has the authority to add additional sanctions and/or remediation.