

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 will result in referral to the Student Progress and Promotions Committee (SPPC) according to defined disciplinary procedures enforced which may result in dismissal from the program. All Code of Conduct violations will be reported to the Student Progress and Promotions Committee and will be considered relative to the student's suitability for continued participation in the program and/or entry into the Physician Assistant (PA) profession.

One of the core tenets of the South University, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Program's core tenets is that Physicians and PAs are called to the highest standards of honor and professional conduct. It is essential for students to understand this responsibility begins at the start of their medical education not upon graduation. Students must uphold the following standards which reflect these values and are intended to foster an atmosphere of honesty, trust, and cooperation among the students, faculty and staff, patients, and society.

Students in the PA program are expected to demonstrate behavior appropriate for a career in medicine. This includes but is not limited to honesty, trustworthiness, professional demeanor, respect for the rights of others, personal accountability, and concern for the welfare of patients.

Violations of these Standards of Professionalism may result in disciplinary proceedings. For more information on policies and expectations of PA student conduct see the Physician Assistant Program Student Handbook.

South University publishes its Academic Integrity Policy in the South University Academic Catalog. All students are expected to abide by this policy.

Alleged violations of the South University Academic Integrity Policy will be referred to the Physician Assistant Program's Student Progress and Promotions Committee for review. If the SPPC determines that there is adequate evidence of an academic integrity violation, the case will be referred for disciplinary action per the procedure outlined in the catalog. Above and beyond the penalties imposed according to the Academic Integrity Policy, the Student Progress and Promotions Committee has the authority to add additional sanctions and/or remediation.