

Department of Physician Assistant Studies Discipline-Specific Guidelines

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Nature of the Discipline(s) in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies in the Realm of Teaching

Discipline specific notes, additions, or deletions accompanying the Faculty Guide "Basic Expectations of Teaching"

Graduate teaching in the health sciences includes both didactic and clinical instruction. One aspect of note is the constant auxiliary teaching activity of creating and maintaining partnerships with hospitals, clinics, and medical practices for student rotations. In some sense, this is an "administrative" aspect of teaching. By way of example, as many as 550 clinical rotations and relationships must be in place each academic year, all of which require a separate evaluation and assessment procedure.

Discipline specific notes, additions, or deletions accompanying the Faculty Guide "Teaching Effectiveness" No discipline specific notations.

Nature of the Discipline(s) in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies in the Realm of Research and Scholarship

Elements critical to scholarship which may be unfamiliar to faculty in other disciplines

No discipline specific notations.

Meaning of Peer Review and circumstances where peer review is not necessary for the work product to be considered for scholarship.

No discipline specific notations.

What does and does not qualify as meaningful creative work

No discipline specific notations.

Can "Paid" work be considered scholarship

No discipline specific notations.

How 21st century forms of disseminating work product into the intellectual marketplace figure into accepted norms of scholarship

No discipline specific notations.

Departmental assessment of scholarship quality

No discipline specific notations.

Departmental assessment of scholarship quantity

Research activities have historically been minimized in the program due to the small number of teaching faculty and heavy teaching loads.

Occasional presentations at the state or national level are a reasonable expectation.

Nature of the Discipline(s) in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies in the Realm of Service

Need, value, and expectation of departmental service



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Faculty are required to serve on multiple departmental committees, some with fixed seats and some rotating. Ideally, faculty members would each chair at least one committee. As an externally accredited program, Physician's Assistant Studies requires some annual discipline specific department service functions.

Need, value, and expectation of university service

While faculty are encouraged to participate on a university committee, group, or team, departmental duties in the area of teaching and service can limit available time.

Importance of service to the profession

Membership in AAPA, PAEA, and NCAPA are expectations. Leadership, committee work, or special projects within one of these professional association is highly valued.

Importance of service to the community

No discipline specific notations.

Departmental assessment of service quality

No discipline specific notations.

Departmental assessment of service quantity

No discipline specific notations.