PROGRESSION FROM THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL TO THE PROFESSIONAL PHASE OF THE PA PROGRAM

Several conditions must be met in order to progress from the pre-professional to the professional phase of the program:

1. Complete a successful interview during the junior year;
2. Successful completion of a background check during their junior year;
3. Attend Hofstra University for all undergraduate course work;
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative overall grade point average of 3.3 for each of the six semesters prior to beginning the PA program curriculum;
5. Achieve a minimum cumulative overall and science grade point average of 3.3 at the end of the spring semester of the junior year;
6. Advanced placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or college level credit will not be applied to direct entry courses that begin with BIO, CHEM or MATH;
7. Follow the prescribed pre-professional curriculum; and remain in the Dual-Degree Physician Assistant Program.
8. Complete three years in-residence before entering the professional phase of the program;
9. Meet with a pre-professional science adviser (and the PA program adviser, if appropriate) at least once each semester;

Should a student meet all conditions, a space will be reserved in the professional phase of the PA program beginning in his/her senior year. Please note, to secure a seat in the professional phase of the program a deposit, which is applied toward tuition, is required.

ACADEMIC STANDING

Students will receive a letter from the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at the end of the first year of the program, and every semester thereafter during the pre-professional phase of the program. The letter will notify the student of his or her academic standing. Students who do not meet the required grade point average noted above of the progression requirements above will be required to meet with the Academic Standing Committee and be advised of the necessary steps to regain good academic standing. The student will have one semester to raise their grade point average to a 3.3. If the student does not obtain the minimum cumulative GPA within one semester he/she will be dismissed from the dual-degree pre-PA program.
I have read and understand the April 25, 2018 addendum to the policy in the September 2017 Department of Physician Assistant Studies Direct Entry Student Handbook. I understand that all other handbook policies, rules and regulations as outlined in the September 2017 edition of the Hofstra University Physician Assistant Program Dual-Degree Handbook have not changed and agree, without reluctance, to abide by them.

NAME (Signature): _______________________

NAME (Print): _______________________

DATE: _______________________