

TO: Senate Council

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**RE: Request for modification of Academic Calendar: MS in Physician Assistant Studies (PAS)**

We request approval to modify the Fall 2020 semester to 8/17/2020 through 12/18/2020, with grades due no later than 12/21/2020 for the following courses:

PAS 660 FAMILY MED CLERKSHIP  
PAS 661 PEDIATRIC CLERKSHIP  
PAS 662 OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY CLERKSHIP  
PAS 663 SURGERY CLERKSHIP  
PAS 664 GERIATRIC CLERKSHIP  
PAS 665 CLI PRACTICUM IN PHYSICIAN ASST STUDIES  
PAS 669 INTERNAL MED CLERKSHIP  
PAS 670 EMERGENCY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP  
PAS 671 PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP  
PAS 680 SEM IN PA STUDIES II

This is a one-time request for modification of the University Senate approved Academic Calendar to a nonstandard calendar for these courses. The included attachment also lists sections of these courses that are scheduled for Fall 2020.

**Rationale:** The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) provides standards for PAS education that includes didactic and clinical training. ARC-PA requires PAS students to complete its program's clinical training requirements. For this program, all students must complete 12 four-week clinical rotations prior to graduation and demonstrate mastery of core competencies. They are able to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination upon successful completion of the program

The schedule and semester for PAS students is dense and the curriculum lock-step as skill and knowledge are developed sequentially. These circumstances do not permit further compression of the clinical portion of the program and accreditation requirements into fewer weeks in the semester. Second year students (Class of 2021) are in clinical rotations for which the settings and schedule are set with a completion date of December 18<sup>th</sup>. The courses listed above are those that fulfill clinical requirements in which these students will be enrolled. The *Playbook* recognizes the importance of accreditation required experiential learning and the need for on-time completion. PAS 2<sup>nd</sup> year students will be able to fulfill their accreditation required clinical education and complete their rotations on December 18<sup>th</sup> with timely progression to degree with the approval of this non-standard calendar. Since this proposed calendar means work in these courses will be completed after the approved calendar's grade submission deadline, we also ask for a grade submission deadline of December 21<sup>st</sup> for the above courses so all work can be assessed and included.

**The proposed nonstandard calendar for Fall 2020 semester does not and does not have the potential to violate SR 5.2.2, specifically in relation to student load.** Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

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**PAS Attachment: All sections of PAS Courses for Non-standard Calendar Request Fall 2020**

PAS 660	Section 201	FAMILY MED CLERKSHIP
PAS 660	Section 202	FAMILY MED CLERKSHIP
PAS 660	Section 203	FAMILY MED CLERKSHIP
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PAS 660	Section 210	FAMILY MED CLERKSHIP 2
PAS 661	Section 201	PEDIATRIC CLERKSHIP
PAS 661	Section 202	PEDIATRIC CLERKSHIP
PAS 661	Section 203	PEDIATRIC CLERKSHIP
PAS 661	Section 204	PEDIATRIC CLERKSHIP
PAS 661	Section 205	PEDIATRIC CLERKSHIP
PAS 662	Section 201	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY CLERKSHIP
PAS 662	Section 202	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY CLERKSHIP
PAS 662	Section 203	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY CLERKSHIP
PAS 662	Section 204	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY CLERKSHIP
PAS 662	Section 205	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY CLERKSHIP
PAS 663	Section 201	SURGERY CLERKSHIP
PAS 663	Section 202	SURGERY CLERKSHIP
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PAS 665	Section 201	CLI PRACTICUM IN PHYSICIAN ASST STUDIES
PAS 665	Section 202	CLI PRACTICUM IN PHYSICIAN ASST STUDIES
PAS 665	Section 207	CLI PRACTICUM IN PHYSICIAN ASST STUDIES
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PAS 669	Section 203	INTERNAL MED CLERKSHIP

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PAS 669	Section 210	INTERNAL MED CLERKSHIP
PAS 670	Section 201	EMERGENCY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP
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PAS 671	Section 202	PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP
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PAS 671	Section 204	PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP
PAS 671	Section 205	PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP
PAS 680	Section 001	SEM IN PA STUDIES II