

PA TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Pace University complies with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as well as state and local laws which prohibit institutions of higher education from discriminating against students with disabilities. Although all applicants and students are held to the same technical and academic standards, reasonable accommodations are provided to qualified individuals with a disability. In order to request a reasonable accommodation, applicants and students should read Information for Students with Disabilities and then contact the Coordinator of Disability Services for their campus.

The ability to meet the technical standards and educational objectives established by the program is essential for the fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies degree. The academic and technical standards established by the faculty require that all students accepted by the program possess the physical, cognitive, and behavioral abilities that insure that they will be able to complete all aspects of the curriculum. Students admitted to the Physician Assistant (PA) Program must have the intellectual, emotional and physical abilities to acquire the knowledge, behaviors, and clinical skills needed to successfully complete the entire curriculum and practice medicine as a physician assistant. The technical standards outlined below ("Technical Standards"), in conjunction with established academic standards, are followed by the Admissions Committee to select students who possess the intelligence, integrity, physical, and personal as well as emotional characteristics that are necessary to become an effective physician assistant. The Program and sponsoring institution must maintain the integrity of the curriculum and preserve those elements deemed essential to the education of a physician assistant. The program and sponsoring institution cannot compromise the health and safety of others and reserve the right not to admit any applicant who cannot meet the technical standards or who would constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of others, e.g., those individuals who are currently impaired by alcohol or substance abuse cannot meet the Technical Standards.