I. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set standards for advanced placement status in the Physician Assistant (PA) Program at Wake Forest University School of Medicine (WFUSM).

II. **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all prospective and current PA Program students.

III. **DEFINITIONS/ABBREVIATIONS**

A. Advanced Placement: A waiver of required coursework included in the PA curriculum for applicants to the program and/or a waiver of required coursework included in the PA curriculum for currently enrolled students in the program which results in the student advancing in the curriculum without completing required curriculum components at the sponsoring institution.

IV. **POLICY**

The Department of PA Studies does not grant advanced placement outside of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Wake Forest University Graduate School, School of Business, or School of Professional Studies for its degree offerings.

V. **PROCEDURE / GUIDELINE**

Not Applicable
VI. CROSS REFERENCES

Not Applicable

VII. RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

ARC-PA Standard 3.16
Programs granting advanced placement must document within each student’s file that those students receiving advanced placement have: a) met program defined criteria for such placement, b) met institution defined criteria for such placement, and c) demonstrated appropriate competencies for the curricular components in which advanced placement is given.

Other associated standards

ARC-PA Standard 3.13
The program must define, publish, consistently apply, and make readily available to prospective students, policies, and procedures to include: c) practices for awarding or granting advanced placement,

ARC-PA Standard A3.17 (Student Records)
Student academic records kept by the sponsoring institution or program, in a paper or electronic format, must be readily accessible to authorized program personnel and must include documentation: a) that the student has met published admission criteria including advanced placement if awarded.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

IX. REVISION DATES

7/2021; 1/2024