

**WEILL CORNELL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES
FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS - COMPLETION OPTION**

Application and Learning Agreement

Fill in the fields below, save your modified pdf file to a secure location, and submit a copy of the file electronically to: MSHSPACO@med.cornell.edu. before 5:00 PM EST on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. IMPORTANT: A class of fifteen (15) students will be chosen at random from all eligible students who submit a complete application before the deadline.

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Year of Enrollment in Weill Cornell PA Program: _____

Year of Completion of Weill Cornell PA Program: _____

NCCPA Certificate Number: (also, attach a scanned PDF copy of NCCPA certificate) _____

State Issuing PA License: _____

State PA License Number: (also, attach scanned PDF copy of state license)

LEARNING AGREEMENT

Please read the following agreement carefully.

GOALS:

I have read introductory information regarding the MSHS- PA Completion Option and the PAS 8001 course entitled Advanced Research Methodology Seminar, and I choose to register for this course. If admitted to the Completion Option, I will fulfill all assignments of the Advanced Research Methodology Seminar course, meet all published deadlines, and produce a master's thesis in partial fulfillment of the degree requirements of Master of Science in Health Sciences. After successful completion of all components of PAS 8001, I will be considered a candidate for the degree of Master of Science in Health Sciences. I am enrolling in this MSHS Completion Option with the understanding that it is the fulfillment of the stated mission of the PA Program regarding the development of a course of study and scholarship that will allow its students to obtain a Masters degree.

RESOURCES:

I will obtain WCMC ITS tagging within the first month of the course. I will maintain WCMC WebVPN access and a WCMC email account for the duration of the course. I will access the online electronic resources for the course on a regular basis, at least on a weekly basis. I will remain in contact with the Senior Research Coordinator and to address any problems or concerns as the course progresses.

LEARNING STRATEGIES:

I will work independently and meet all monthly deadlines in submitting monthly assignments. I will avoid plagiarism and any other misrepresentation of the work of others as my own. I will attend the mandatory on-campus thesis defense to satisfy the requirement of the Completion Option.

No degree will be conferred without a passing grade for PAS 8001 AND a satisfactory oral defense. At the discretion of the Senior Research Coordinator, a student who is not yet ready for their oral defense but has made sufficient progress toward this end may be given an incomplete (INC) for PAS 8001 with the understanding that the student will enroll in a second four-credit course, Continuation of Thesis Research. In such extraordinary circumstances, a student will have twelve additional months to satisfy all MSHS-PA Completion Option requirements.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Senior Research Coordinator or designee will give each assignment a Pass/Fail grade and provide formative comments. The Senior Research Coordinator, in consultation with the defense committee, will grade the summative research proposal defense on a Pass/Fail basis.

DEPOSIT

A matriculation fee of \$450 must be received within two weeks of notification of acceptance in the Completion Option or the student's seat may be forfeited for the current cycle. To maintain good standing in the Completion Option, all other tuition and fees must be paid within established guidelines as per current PA Student Handbook (see "Tuition, Fees and Refund Policy")

___ I have read the entire learning agreement and I agree to adhere to its provisions. A mark placed in this field will represent my electronic signature.

NAME _____

DATE _____