**ACCREDITED PA PROGRAMS RE: optional P/N grading policies implement as a result of COVID-19**

**Central Michigan University**

The PA program at this point is maintaining our current grading system.

Update 3/28/2020:

For the applicants in the upcoming cycle, accepting a credit/nc is an option.  The admissions team is to meet on 3/31.

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**Detroit Mercy**

Hello Sharon,

In regards to the PA program only:

The Detroit Mercy PA program will **not** accept pass/fail grades for the prerequisite coursework.

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**Eastern Michigan University**

Hi Sharon,

Thank you for reaching out to us about this. At this time there's still a lot that is unknown that we are working to figure out. A decision hasn't been made just yet regarding the acceptance of pass/fail grading, but we will definitely take into consideration the circumstances we're all facing at this time and will do what's best for all involved. I will get back to you as soon as possible with more information.

Best regards,

Sarah Rahdar

Administrative Associate II

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**Grand Valley State University**

Sharon,

Thanks for reaching out! Andy forwarded your email to me as I am the chair of our admission committee. Your email was very timely as we just completed an admission meeting to discuss this issue.

Our plan at this time is to not adjust any specific policy/requirement as a result of the closure but we do plan to update the website with a form that students may complete if they think that their ability to complete one or more of the application requirements was directly affected by the Coronavirus closures. We may allow individual exceptions to one or more of the requirements if students attended a university where they were required to transition to credit/no credit or pass/fail or where they think their grade was directly impacted by the closures. We will require them to submit specific documentation and will evaluate on a case by case basis. We discussed the issue and think it is impossible at this time to make a policy that will address all possible scenarios that applicants may be facing. If we end up encountering several similar requests, then we may adjust a policy based on that scenario.

We hope to have website adjustments made within the next week or so.

If you have additional questions/concerns, please feel free to reach out!

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**Wayne State University**

Greetings -

*Due to the unique situation created by COVID-19, many institutions are allowing students to choose a Pass/No Pass option in lieu of a letter grade in the Winter 2020 semester. The Wayne State University Physician Assistant program****requires****all applicants to receive letter grades in all of their prerequisites courses.****The Pass/No Pass option will not be accepted.***

Please share with your UAC colleagues.

Sincerely,

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**Western Michigan University**

Sharon,

Considering the recent decision of many Universities which allows students to change the grading of courses to Credit/No Credit for Spring 2020, the WMU Physician Assistant Admissions Committee has approved the following for Spring 2020 (January start date) ONLY:

* Credit/No Credit or Pass/Fail grades, as long as the minimum grade required for credit or a pass grade is a C or higher.

* We highly recommend that students earn a grade for their course if possible.

Please note that this policy DOES NOT apply to other programs offered at Western Michigan University. Please note that although a Credit or Pass course does not have a negative impact on your GPA, it does not have a positive impact either.

*WMU's Physician Assistant Program requires prerequisite coursework be assessed at a “C or 2.0” grade or higher, we would kindly ask that your home institution (registrar or course instructor) provide written verification that the Passing, Satisfactory or Credit grade meets this standard.*

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**FUTURE PA PROGRAMS**

**Concordia University Ann arbor**

FYI - I have not responded as my program has not yet received any decision on provisional accreditation. As such, we technically are not an accredited PA program.

If we were, I'd be very willing to help, though.

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CUAA PA program director

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**University of Michigan, Michigan State University & Lawrence Tech**

No response