



**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES
POLICY**

POLICY NAME:	ACADEMIC HONESTY
RESPONSIBILITY For Development/Review:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University Admin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. Chair/ Program Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Academic Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Secretary
APPROVED BY:	University Administration, Faculty
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SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS:	URL to University Student Handbook https://www.mercyhurst.edu/handbook DPAS Student and Policy Handbooks
OCCURANCE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yearly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As Needed
PURPOSE:	To define and clarify the department’s standards on academic honesty, and to provide an outline of university policy and procedure.
POLICY:	<p>The DPAS and University require students to maintain academic integrity at all times. Academic dishonesty is a serious offense that includes cheating, plagiarism, theft or manipulation of data. Cases of academic dishonesty will be dealt with by the instructor, in conjunction with the DPAS Student Affairs Committee, and may result in disciplinary action including an automatic zero for the exam/assignment and/or course, academic probation or dismissal from the program.</p> <p>Any work written, developed, created, or inspired by artificial intelligence (AI) is considered plagiarism and will not be tolerated. You may not submit any work generated by an AI program as your own.</p> <p>The DPAS respects and follows the University’s statement and policy on Academic Honesty which reads as follows:</p> <p>Students are expected to contribute actively to the development of an atmosphere of academic integrity. Mercyhurst University assumes, therefore, that students will not resort to plagiarism or any other form of academic dishonesty. Students found guilty of willful academic dishonesty may be subject to a broad range of sanctions. At the discretion of their instructor, they may be required to redo the plagiarized assignment, or they may receive an automatic F for the exam/assignment and/or course. Students found to be in collaboration with other students involved in willful academic dishonesty are also subject to disciplinary action.</p> <p>When an instructor believes that a student has committed an act of academic dishonesty, the instructor will inform the student and complete an academic dishonesty report. The report is filed and kept in the Office of Academic Affairs. On a first offense, the student</p>



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	<p>will be subject to the consequence determined by the individual faculty member. On a second offense, the student will be subject to the consequence determined by the individual faculty member as well as any combination of the following consequences as determined by the Office of Academic Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requirement of additional academic courses• Requirement to complete a tutorial program of remediation• Exclusion from participating in student organizations and extracurricular activities, including athletics• Expulsion from the Honor's program or any other college-organized honor societies• Revocation of scholarships granted for academic performance• Suspension from the University• Dismissal from the University <p>Students have the right to appeal if they believe an academic dishonesty allegation is unfounded. A written appeal must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs within 30 days of receiving notice from the office regarding this allegation. Appeals will be heard by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or their designee. The final determination in any academic dishonesty case lies with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Questions regarding academic dishonesty or the appeal process should be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs. Please see the University Catalog for more details on academic dishonesty.</p>
OTHER NOTES:	