2. Physician Assistant Professional Oath

The PA Program faculty, administrators, and staff are available to provide assistance in any matter of concern to the student. We serve as advisers to students who are experiencing personal, academic, or financial issues. We also provide assistance and guidance to you concerning issues pertaining to student mistreatment or abuse. At the first sign of any of these problems you should come to see us. Our office also serves as a sounding board, referral service, and student advocate. We are dedicated to assisting you in the successful completion of this growth process. Please contact the program, academic, and/or clinical directors of the PA Program for further assistance.

You are entering into a challenging, rewarding, and sometimes stressful experience. You will undergo a personal growth process as you develop the skills, confidence, and compassion necessary to assume responsibility for the care of other human beings.

As individuals vary, so do their study habits. Studying is time consuming, but a planned regimen will enable you to set aside the time required to relax and to do some of the things you are used to doing. Breaks in the routine of studying are a necessary part of your education. Budget your time!

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare and dignity of all human beings.

- I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice.
- I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.
- I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.
- I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.
- I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.
- I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.
- I will work with other members of the health care team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.
- I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.
- I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.
- I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.