

# PA HANDBOOK: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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## I. Graduation Requirements

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### A. Academic Requirements for Graduation

In order to graduate from the UNMC PA Program, each student must satisfactorily complete all of the following:

1. All letter-grade and non-letter grade course work,
2. All clerkships (required and elective),
3. A "Skill Demonstrated" rating in all categories of the Professionalism Evaluation,
4. All required assignments,
5. A summative evaluation of all clinical knowledge and skills, consisting of both objective examinations and skill performance evaluations.

"Satisfactory completion" means completing all courses, clerkships and the summative evaluation with a letter grade of C or higher; maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.50; receiving a "pass" or "satisfactory" evaluation on non-letter graded assignments; and achieving a "Skill Demonstrated" rating in all categories of the Professionalism Evaluation.

Standards for completion of any course are determined by the course director. The course director determines the criteria for earning each letter grade. The syllabus for each course outlines the evaluation methods and the required performance scale and have met the approval of the Program Director.

Standards for completion of any clerkship are based on the evaluations and examination performance as interpreted by the PA Program Clinical Team and approved by the Program Director. Standards for completion of the summative evaluation are determined by the PA program faculty and approved by the Program Director.

All students who have successfully completed the PA Program graduation requirements are recommended for graduation by the Program Director to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions.

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### B. Credentials Awarded

Since the class starting in 1994, UNMC PA Program graduates are awarded the Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree. Program graduates are qualified to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.