

## COVID-19 PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK POLICY

The Admissions Committee of the Physician Assistant Program at Barry University recognizes that plans to complete pre-requisite courses have been impacted by institutions' decisions to move to a remote instruction model given the national requirements of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the Program has always assessed pre-requisites based on the grades given by institutions, we understand that many institutions are emergently creating policies in which spring and summer 2020 courses may be graded on a pass/fail or credit/no credit scale. So that no applicants are disadvantaged by policy decisions made by their institution as a result of this unprecedented event, the Physician Assistant Program has created a COVID-19 Prerequisite Course Policy.

The Barry University Physician Assistant program requires all applicants to have all prerequisite coursework completed with a C grade or higher prior to application submission. Prerequisite courses completed with Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit will be considered on a case by case basis by the Admissions Committee. Any applicant affected by social distancing in spring and summer of 2020 may submit a prerequisite course request form LINK [COVID-19 PCR Form](#).

### **Policy:**

An applicant who received a Pass or Credit instead of a letter grade may request exception to the "letter grade of C or higher" requirement for prerequisite coursework. Exceptions are being considered for applicants whose institution granted only pass/fail or credit/ no credit for the social distancing period, currently spring and summer of 2020.

Only applicants who were REQUIRED\* to complete a prerequisite course as Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit during the approved time period may apply for consideration of their coursework. Proof of their institution's grade policy at that time is required.

Fail and/ or No Credit will not be considered for exception to the prerequisite policy. Letter grades below C and fail or no credit does not fulfil the prerequisite. Qualifying courses must be completed (that is receive credit/pass) and documented on the transcript in order to request consideration.

Additionally, if an applicant's GPA was affected by their institution's temporary suspension of letter grades during social distancing, then they may appeal for an exception to the minimum GPA requirements. Documentation is required.

\*Direct result of COVID-19 related institutional closures and remote learning contingencies ONLY.

**Procedure:**

1. Complete the COVID-19 Prerequisite Course Request (C19-PCR) form online after submission of application on CASPA. Link to the form is available at <https://www.barry.edu/physician-assistant/admissions/>  
Email required proof of Institutions' COVID-19 related policy requiring Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit to [paadmissions@barry.edu](mailto:paadmissions@barry.edu) with C19-PCR (your last name, first name) CASPA ID number
2. The program director or admissions chair will review each request and respond with Approve or Decline.
3. All decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

\*Required documentation includes the following: proof of Institutions' COVID-19 related policy requiring Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.