



## **Student Deferment Policy**

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Conditionally accepted applicants may experience sudden medical experiences or military training/duty that will interfere with their ability to engage in a rigorous academic program. In these circumstances, the individual may request a one-year deferment. Deferments may be granted such for extenuating circumstances only and decisions are made on a case-by-case basis by the PA Program Admissions Committee in combination with the Dean/VPAA. Deferments are only offered once and must occur prior to matriculating into the program.

All deferment requests must be submitted in writing to the Program Director and a letter from the student's health provider or commanding officer/military leadership should accompany the request. This letter should not include protected personal/medical information; however, it must include a statement by the official attesting to the valid need for such deferment, and an expectation that the student will be able to matriculate in one year.

Deferment is only available to applicants prior to the start of orientation. Once the applicant attends orientation, they are considered students in the PA program and may not request a deferment.