University of Kentucky
COVID-19 Admissions Response Plan

Many undergraduate institutions have moved to an online instruction model and Pass/Fail grading in Spring & Summer 2020 semesters.   The unprecedented circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the need for flexibility. To avoid putting any applicant at a disadvantage, The University of Kentucky Physician Assistant (UKPA) Program has created a response plan for admissions requirements and the upcoming admissions cycle.

The UKPA Program conducts a holistic admissions review of all applicants, meaning that emphasis is not only placed on metrics such as GPAs and GRE. The admissions committee reviews all aspects of the application including non-academic factors such as patient contact, shadowing, essays, letters of recommendation, leadership, etc.

Pre-Requisite Courses Grades & Completion

The UKPA Program will accept Pass/Fail grading for prerequisite coursework for the Spring & Summer 2020 semesters only. This will only be applicable if the applicant's undergraduate institution has transitioned to the Pass/Fail grading model. Undergraduate, prerequisite, and science GPAs will still be calculated with letter grades excluding Pass/Fail grading to assist in application review. Lastly, applicants who have a Pass/Fail grade for a prerequisite course requirement, will need to complete a grade confirmation form (appendix A) to send to their course director to verify a letter grade and send back to the program admissions officer.

If you are a University of Kentucky student who chose the Pass/Fail grading model, the UKPA Program Manager will contact UK's Registrar Office directly about the grade.

Appendix A

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Pass/Fail Prerequisite Grade Confirmation Form

Applicant Instructions: *Please complete the form below. Enter the date, name, and Pass/Fail prerequisite course(s) taken and send to your course instructor(s).*

Course Instructors: *Please enter the applicant's course grade(s), sign, and return to Julia Berry, julia.berry@uky.edu. Please do not hesitate to contact Julia with any questions.*

Date: _____   **Applicant Name: _____**

Course Name	Course Prefix	Course #	Credit Hours	Grade *(completed by Course Instructor Only)*

Course Instructor Signature: _____