

Student Identification Policy A3.06

Student identification cards will be issued to all eligible members of the PA Program. The card must be carried at all times on campus and produced upon the request of a University employee. Identification cards are non-transferable and subject to confiscation, and disciplinary sanctions if used by any person other than the person to whom it was issued. If a card is lost or stolen, the Office of Public Safety & Security should be contacted immediately. A replacement card will be issued for a fee.

In order to be eligible to obtain a Rowan-Virtua SOM student identification card and the subsequent building access related to the card, a student must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Student is active and registered for a current or future semester
- Student has an active on-campus housing agreement
- Student is in pending graduation status

At all times, students must be clearly identified in the clinical setting to distinguish them from other health profession students and practitioners. All students are to wear and properly display their name tag, and student ID badge while on campus or while in attendance at all affiliated training locations.

It is mandatory for students to display and state that they are a physician assistant student during all patient encounters, SCPEs, clinical encounters, and volunteer activities. Students may not misrepresent their title at any time. Students MUST verbally introduce themselves as a “PA student” in all simulated or real patient encounters. Students must sign all medical documentation denoting their status as a student, with “PA-S” after their full name.

At no time should a student, either by virtue of their skills or knowledge attained while progressing through the program, misrepresent oneself as being other than a PA student. While in the program, students may not use previously earned titles/certificates/designations (i.e. EMT, RT, PT, OT, RN, MD, DO, PhD, etc.) Failure to identify oneself appropriately or purposely misrepresenting oneself in a clinical setting is considered medical fraud and will result in immediate referral to the Student Progress Committee for possible sanctions up to and including dismissal from the program.

Electronic Signatures

All signature documents related to faculty, staff, students, adjuncts, and guest lecturers will be completed with virtual/ESignatures. Submission of a document from an individual's listed email address with an ESignature form attached will be legally binding. By returning a document with an ESignature on the signature line, the student acknowledges and agrees that the electronic signature, whether digital or encrypted, is intended to authenticate, and indicate their agreement with and acceptance of this writing and have the same force and effect as handwritten signatures, for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.