Grade and Progression Requirements
(Excerpt from the Physician Assistant Student Handbook 2027-2028)

Plaza College Physician Assistant Program Grade Scale			
Grade	**Point**	**Numerical Equivalent**	**Progress**
A	4.0	95-100	Superior
A-	3.7	90-94	Excellent
B+	3.3	86-89	Very Good
B	3.0	82-85	Good
B-	2.7	80-81	Above Average
C+	2.5	78-79	Average
C	2.0	72-77	Failure
C-	1.7	69-71	Failure
D	1.0	65-68	Failure
F	0.0	Below 65 (0-64)	Failure
AW	0.0		Administrative Withdrawal
I	0.0		Incomplete
IP	0.0		In Progress
The following grades are not computed in the grade point average:			
P			Pass
W			Withdrawal
NC			Audit

All Grades are rounded from 2 decimal places to whole #%, for example:

a 92.49 would round to 92%

a 92.50 or 92.51 would round to 93%

Program Retention Criteria

- Students must receive no less than a 78% (C+) overall as a final grade in any course to successfully pass the course.
  - For the Essential Principles of Medicine I and II courses (PA508 and PA514), students must also successfully pass each module with a minimum of 78% (C+) to successfully pass the course.

- Failure of any portion of a course (didactic, lab, or clinical) will result in the failure of the entire course. Due to prerequisite requirements from future courses, all courses must be successfully passed to progress toward graduation.
  - In the event a course is failed, then successfully remediated, the course is then considered remediated (passed) and the maximum grade for the course will then be a 78% (C+).
  - No more than two (2) courses during the didactic year or two (2) SCPE courses may be remediated. If at any time a 3rd didactic or 3rd SCPE course is failed for any reason, the student may not attempt remediation and will immediately be referred to the Professionalism and Progression Committee, as per policy in the PA Student Handbook, for consideration for dismissal from the PA Program.
- Details regarding grading and successful course completion are located in the syllabus of each course.

Graduate School Satisfactory Standards of Academic Progress (SAP): Quantitative Standard

Students are expected to earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, they will be dismissed. Students whose cumulative GPA falls between 2.00-2.99 will be placed on GRAD SAP Warning and will continue to be eligible for Title IV funding. Such students must achieve the required cumulative GPA of 3.0 by the end of the following semester in order to continue their eligibility for Title IV aid.

Students may only attempt a class twice.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, PA students must complete all didactic, laboratory, and clinical competency evaluations, requirements, and assignments successfully with a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 (B). Students must also demonstrate the expected competency via successfully completing a comprehensive, multi-modal summative evaluation within the final 4 months of the PA Program.