



Deceleration Policies and Procedures

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If a student encounters difficulties affecting their academic performance and progression or an unforeseen circumstance leading to the need for a leave of absence during the course of study, the P&R Committee may recommend a decelerated curriculum sequence. A collaborative plan will be developed with the program director. Decelerated students will be expected to meet all criteria for course and program completion under these arrangements and may be required to complete additional requirements to facilitate acquisition of competencies. Approval for deceleration is at the discretion of the program director, and specific terms of a student's deceleration will be documented and signed by the program director and student prior to beginning the decelerated curriculum sequence. **All students must complete the PA program within 48 months of their date of matriculation.** Any student who fails to complete all the documented criteria for the program within four years will be required to withdraw from the program and will not be considered for re-admission.

Students placed on a decelerated curriculum track may be required to drop courses during an enrolled term. The policy and procedure for dropping a course are stated in the Graduate School Catalog.