

**University of Maryland, Baltimore**  
**Doctor of Medical Science Tuition Waiver for**  
**Precepting Maryland Physician Assistant Program Students**

Clinical site recruitment and retention are critical for student success in Physician Assistant (PA) education, and the Graduate School at University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) values the service of PAs who dedicate time and talent to educate the next generation. To reward ongoing preceptorship and encourage PAs currently not precepting, the new DMSc Program at UMB will offer a 20% tuition waiver to Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) students who commit to precepting PA students from our Maryland PA Programs.

UMB's DMSc students who currently provide precepting or who are interested in precepting entry level PA program students from accredited Maryland PA programs will be eligible for a tuition waiver of 20% reduced tuition. Eligibility and maintenance of the tuition waiver is dependent on statewide and DMSc program needs. The tuition waiver may be applied to the semester the individual has agreed to precept and continue throughout matriculation. If the DMSc student does not meet the criteria and conditions necessary, the waiver will not be applied. To be ELIGIBLE for the tuition waiver, a current DMSc student must:

- Commit to serve as a preceptor for a minimum of three rotations per year that are either a four or five-week duration during matriculation into DMSc program. The DMSc student cannot precept the same PA student twice unless it is for elective rotation.
- Have an active affiliation agreement in place with one or more accredited Maryland PA Programs including: University of Maryland Baltimore, Towson University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Frostburg State University.
- Be a licensed PA with current National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) certification.
- Earn a minimum average Likert score by students on preceptor evaluation of 3.2 out of 5.0 or higher over three evaluations.
- Have not earned egregious comments by any student on a preceptor evaluation.
- Maintain good academic standing in the DMSc Program.
- Have approval of UMB DMSc Program Director after confirming conditions for precepting have been met.

DMSc students can maintain the waiver tuition rate throughout matriculation if they continue to serve as a preceptor. Some preceptors may also be eligible for the Maryland State Tax Credit and UMB plans to submit for Category 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits for coursework following state program approval. Please reach out to DMSc Program Director, Dr. Mary Jo Bondy, DHEd, MHS, PA-C at [mjbondy@umaryland.edu](mailto:mjbondy@umaryland.edu) for more information regarding the DMSc program at UMB and incentives for precepting.