

DMS:10 – PATHWAYS CLUB POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the mission, goals, and eligibility requirements for the Lincoln Memorial University - School of Medical Sciences (LMU-SMS) Doctor of Medical Science (DMS) Pathways Club.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

The DMS Pathways Club provides structured opportunities for LMU physician assistant (PA) students in LMU Master of Medical Science PA programs to engage with DMS faculty and peers across LMU campuses and virtually for professional development and networking activities. The DMS Pathways Club is open to all current LMU-SMS PA students who meet participation criteria outlined below.

Mission:

The mission of the DMS Pathways Club is to cultivate leadership, professional growth, and advocacy among LMU-SMS PA students, while fostering awareness of the value and impact of doctoral-level education within the PA profession. Through exposure to the DMS program, networking, and professional development opportunities, the DMS Pathways Club empowers students to engage in lifelong learning, advance the PA profession, and prepare for roles as leaders, educators, and advocates in healthcare.

Goals:

The goals of the DMS Pathways Club are to:

- Provide early exposure to doctoral-level education pathways for LMU-SMS PA students.
- Offer broad understanding of professional activities and leadership opportunities for PAs
- Promote scholarly activity and leadership skills development
- Create a network of students, alumni, and faculty committed to advancing PA education and professional practice.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Members must be currently enrolled in an LMU-SMS PA program.
- Attend a minimum of one (1) DMS Pathways Club event per calendar year to maintain active membership status.
- Demonstrate professional behavior consistent with DMS student policies during club activities.

*Students in the Guaranteed Professional Admissions (GPA) Pathway are strongly encouraged to participate in the DMS Pathways Club.

III. AUDIENCE

This policy applies to current LMU-SMS PA students interested in pursuing the DMS degree, and DMS program faculty involved in club development and leadership.

IV. COMPLIANCE

Students who do not meet or maintain eligibility requirements are not permitted participate in the DMS Pathways Club.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The DMS Admissions Committee Chair is responsible for overseeing club operations, maintaining membership records, scheduling events, and ensuring policy compliance.

VI. PROCEDURES

To join the DMS Pathways Club, interested students must sign up via [the official club sign-up form](#). Upon confirmation, students will be added to the club membership roster and receive event schedules and communications.

VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding this policy, please contact the Doctor of Medical Science Program Director.

VIII. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Effective Date: August 12th, 2025