

# Ponce Health Sciences University

## **ADMISSIONS ENTRANCE EXAMS WAIVER COVID-19 TEMPORARY POLICY For Public Health Program (PHP)**



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<b>Applies to:</b> New Entrance Candidates with no Entrance Exam Available for AY 2020-2021 for PHP	<b>Owner:</b> PHP Admissions Committee Office of Admissions VP of Student Affairs	<b>Primary Contact:</b> Office of Admissions
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**Related Policies:** Academic Programs Admissions Committee Policies and Procedures

**Supporting Forms:** Sample Notification of Exam Waiver



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# ADMISSIONS ENTRANCE EXAMS WAIVER- A COVID-19 TEMPORARY POLICY

## Introduction:

On June 25, 2020, the Public Health Program (PHP) Admissions Committee received the PHSU Temporary Policy for Conditional Admissions COVID-19, approved by the Board of Directors on May 7, 2020. In view of this announcement, the PHP Admissions Committee recognizes that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some candidates might not be able to fulfill with all the criteria for admissions into the program.

The Admissions Committee of the PHP Program establishes that the GRE or an alternate standardized test result is submitted as part of the admissions criteria. In view of the cancellations and lack of availability for administration of these standardized test required in the admissions process, an amendment to the admissions requisites is recommended.

## I Legal basis:

This provision is established for faithful compliance with the regulations and information provided to any State/Local Licensing Agency, any applicable Regional Accrediting Agency and the Federal Department of Education.

This policy is approved by the PHP Admissions Committee and is effective as of **Fall 2020**.

## II Scope:

The Admissions Committee of the Public Health Program establishes that the EXADEP or GRE of no more than five years old should be submitted as part of the admissions criteria. In view of the cancellation of the test and lack of availability for administration of these standardized test required in the admissions process, an amendment to the admissions requisites is recommended.

The Admissions Committee of the PHP supports the recommendation to waive the standardized test component of the EXADEP or GRE in the admissions process for Fall 2020. This would be temporary and effective for admissions to the Fall 2020 cohort completed on or before until July 30, 2020.

This policy aims to allow a student's to be admitted as a regular student to the university with a waiver for the Admissions Entrance Exam. A student will all other admissions requirements completed and missing an Entrance Exam will be categorized as compliant and will be admitted as a regular student to the University.

For clarification, this provision is not applicable for all prospective students, only for those who, already applied for the Fall 2020 Cohort and which admission is processed on or before July 30th, 2020.

### III Justification:

The institution recognizes that it receives candidates for admission with the potential to pursue one of PHP's degree offerings; but these students have difficulty presenting the documentation for the Admissions Entrances Exams (EXADEP, GRE) to meet all admission requirements at the beginning of the semester. It is for this reason, and by exception, that the candidate is recommended to receive a Waiver for the Entrance Exam, as long as the admission is processed on or before July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### IV Policy:

The Public Health Program of PHSU supports the recommendation of the PHP Admissions Committee to waive the standardized test component in the admissions process for Fall 2020. For the next admission process 2021, once the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency is over and standardized testing resumes, all students admitted for Fall 2021 will be required to take the standardized test.

*This policy is temporary and effective until July 30, 2020.*

### V Amendments:

This policy may be amended by the PHP Admissions Committee.

### VI Repeal and Validity:

This policy does not repeal the provisions established by the University admissions policy, but rather offers specific provisions for candidates who qualify as regular admission once the waiver is concede.

This policy will be effective for the Fall 2020 term.

### VII Approval:



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09/28/20  
Date

