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## Physician Assistant Program



Precepting Students

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## **Physician Assistant Program Program Overview and Clinical Rotation Scheduling**

### **SUMMARY**

The program is 27 months in duration --15 months didactic with pre-clinical exposure and 12-months clinical rotations. All PA students have previous clinical experience with a minimum 1,000 hours direct patient care prior to matriculation into the program. All second year PA students have completed a longitudinal 6-month preclinical clerkship in their first year, working on essential clinical skills (H&P/medical documentation/oral patient presentations). CWRU PA students are required to complete twelve, four-week rotations – eight core and four selective / elective rotations. Each year the Director of Clinical Curriculum solicits from the preceptor and site the type and number of students a preceptor is willing to accommodate.

### **ROTATION DISCIPLINES -- CORE**

- General surgery
- Internal medicine
- Behavioral health
- Emergency medicine
- Family medicine
- Geriatrics with long term care
- Pediatric medicine
- Women's health

### **ROTATION DISCIPLINES – SELECTIVE / ELECTIVE**

- Inpatient medicine (selective)
- Primary care (selective)
- Elective 1
- Elective 2

### **CWRU PA PROGRAM PRECEPTOR BENEFITS**

- CWRU School of Medicine clinical faculty appointment
- Category I CME credits based on an hourly basis
- Access to CWRU library and electronic resources
- An opportunity to get to know the students for potential hire in the future

### **CWRU PA PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL CWRU PA STUDENTS:**

- In academic good standing
  - Covered by the University liability insurance.
  - Required to have medical insurance
  - Meet program's health requirements
  - Undergo a criminal background check prior to matriculation into the program, and repeated prior to starting on clinical rotations.
  - HIPAA and OSHA trained
  - BLS and ACLS certified
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## **REQUIREMENTS TO ESTABLISH A ROTATION SITE**

- Affiliation agreement(s) with the hospital or practice for each site where the student rotates
- Chief preceptor (name, credentials)
- Chief preceptor CV (including board certification dates, license verification dates, current employment, education and past experience)
- Eligible preceptors may be: physician (MD, DO), physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, psychologist.

## **REQUIRED STUDENT EVALUATION**

- Mid rotation check-in: Students are required to have a brief meeting with the assigned preceptor at the mid-point of the rotation to discuss their performance and progress. A checklist is provided to guide the discussion. This includes a review of the program's goals and objectives for the rotation. Students submit a statement that it has been completed.
- Final evaluation: The program requires an end of rotation evaluation. Electronic evaluation (forwarded electronically to the preceptor) is preferred. However, the program will accept written paper evaluations from the preceptor. These can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the Director of Clinical Curriculum.

## **REQUIRED PA PROGRAM CLINICAL DIRECTOR SITE VISITS**

- Every site is visited at least once during the clinical year.
  - All new sites are visited during the first rotation.
  - Every student is visited at least twice during the clinical year.
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## **Physician Assistant Program Road Map to Adjunct Clinical Appointments**

### **SUMMARY**

Our partners in the community are essential for us as we continue to educate quality Physician Assistant students. We consider ourselves partners with you and will offer an adjunct clinical appointment to all preceptors. These appointments are reviewed and renewed on a yearly basis for those who continue to support the program by precepting.

### **REQUIRED FOR CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Currently precepting for us
- Completed one page application
- Updated CV

For those interested in clinical faculty appointments, you may reach out to Jennifer Capretta (216)368-3028 or [Jennifer.capretta@case.edu](mailto:Jennifer.capretta@case.edu)

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