

SHAPING THE FUTURE AS A PRECEPTOR

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

The PA curriculum at Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences consists of 14 months of didactic study, followed by 12 months of clinical coursework and supervised clinical practice experiences. The program concludes with summative assessments. We are proud of the breadth and depth of our curriculum and have developed a philosophy of early and regular reinforcements of the knowledge, skills, abilities and fundamentals of the profession that are essential to the success of our graduates. The majority of DMU PA students possess more than 1,000 hours of direct patient care upon matriculation into the program.

CLINICAL ROTATION REQUIREMENTS

DMU MSPAS students must complete 44 weeks of clinical rotations, including the following specialties:

- Behavioral Medicine (4 weeks)
- Emergency Medicine (4 weeks)
- Family Medicine (8 weeks, typically in two separate 4-week blocks)
- Internal Medicine (8 weeks, typically in two separate 4-week blocks) *Includes General IM, Cardiology, Rheumatology, Gastroenterology, Pulmonology, Geriatrics, Endocrinology, Hematology and Oncology, Infectious Disease or Hospital Medicine*
- Primary Care (4 weeks) *May include FM, IM or Urgent Care*
- Pediatrics (2 weeks)
- Surgery (4 weeks)
- Women's Health (2 weeks)
- Selectives (8 weeks)

WHO CAN PRECEPT PA STUDENTS?

PA students can be supervised by PAs, NPs, MDs, DOs, midwives or other licensed health care providers.

Sharing pearls of wisdom is an opportunity to help mold the next generation. The preceptor is a critical component of the teaching program. Preceptors serve as role models for students and, with guidance and support, help students enhance their skills in history taking, physical examination, differential diagnosis, succinct recording and reporting, assessment and plan development, and effective communication when providing patient education and working with others on the health care team.

Feedback is an integral part of the student/preceptor experience. Preceptors' honest and frequent feedback is critical for the success of each student's clinical experience.

Preceptors complete an evaluation of the student, reviewing their performance and guiding them with improvement goals for continued development of clinical practice skills and knowledge.

PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

- Gain and expand new medical knowledge while preparing and mentoring the next generation.
- Recruit top students for physician assistant positions within your organization.
- PA preceptors may be eligible to earn category I CME credits toward maintaining certification.
- Upon request, DMU Library access is given to preceptors who meet eligibility requirements.
- Access to CME events hosted by DMU.
- An avenue to partner with DMU for clinical research.
- Opportunity for affiliate faculty designation.



"I would definitely encourage colleagues to precept students. I feel it keeps me up to date with a lot of the newest medical advancements as well as helps mold students to be better practitioners."

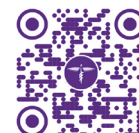
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