

University of Saint Francis | Physician Assistant Studies Program

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7.2.3 ASSIGNMENT OF CLINICAL SITES & PRECEPTORS

The USF PA Program faculty are responsible for obtaining, assigning, and monitoring clinical rotations. Preceptors and clinical rotation sites are chosen and assigned by the PA Program, not the students. Students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors (A3.03). Assigned clinical preceptors are primarily a doctor of allopathic medicine (MD), doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO), or a PA. Occasionally the assigned preceptor may be a nurse practitioner (NP) or other appropriate clinician for the specialty. Students will also work closely with other clinical staff.

Assignments to any clinical rotation are not considered final until the student receives an official notification of that assignment from the faculty member designated to coordinate the clinical rotation schedule. Rotation assignments may be limited by availability and other extenuating circumstances. In these instances, students will be assigned clinical rotations at the discretion of the director of clinical education. Decisions are influenced by student preference, hours available/ needed, and experience required of the student.

Each preceptor, rotation site, and clinical rotation is unique. Patient flow and preceptor availability varies from month to month. Students working with the same preceptor during different months may have different experiences. However, any student concerns during rotations are important and should be promptly communicated to the POC.

7.2.11 STUDENTS AS CLINICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

During clinical experiences/SCPEs, students must not be used to substitute for clinical or administrative staff (A3.05b). A student will not perform services for a clinical preceptor apart from that rendered for its educational value or as part of the instructional experience. Students are required to notify the director of clinical education if concerns regarding this policy occur.