University of Saint Francis | Physician Assistant Studies Program

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7.2.3 ASSIGNMENT OF CLINICAL SITES & PRECEPTORS

The SF PA Program is 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 <u>not required</u> to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors (A3.03). Any student who wishes to work with the clinical team to procure specific rotations <u>must</u> consult with the clinical team prior to contacting any prospective clinical sites and/or preceptors.

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.

Students are assigned to rotation sites <u>at the discretion of the clinical team</u>. Decisions are made <u>in accordance with the following priorities</u>:

- 1. Ensuring rotation learning outcomes and other program requirements are met.
- 2. Supporting the student's ability to progress and graduate on time.
- 3. Providing experiences desired or requested by the student.

Assignments to any clinical rotation are not considered final until the student receives an official notification of that assignment within CORE. Rotation assignments may be limited by availability and other extenuating circumstances.

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.

7.2.13 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.