

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

STUDENT TRAVEL TO REQUIRED ROTATION SITES POLICY

Clinical Rotation Placement

Misericordia University has affiliation agreements with physicians and healthcare institutions that allow for a complete course of clinical rotations to be arranged for each student by the program. The responsibilities of the sponsoring institution and the clinical site are defined within each affiliation agreement. No student will be required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors. The clinical faculty will create the rotation schedule to ensure every student receives a well-rounded experience that meets accreditation standards and educational goals while maximizing opportunities at affiliated clinical sites. As students' progress through the program, clinical faculty will consider individual interests and strive to provide a schedule that aligns with student goals and professional development. Students will not have the option to recommend clinical sites or preceptors.

Individual physician assistant student assignments will be scheduled through EXXAT. The Physician Assistant Program reserves the right to develop and modify schedules as needed for the entire duration of the program, without prior notice to students. Once the clinical schedule has been confirmed, the program will not consider schedule changes unless required by the clinical site or the program.

Student Travel to Required Rotation Sites

The following outlines the Program's policies regarding travel and housing expectations for students during clinical rotations. These policies specify how far and how often students may be required to travel to and from clinical sites. The intent is to ensure that every student has equitable access to a diverse range of supervised clinical practice experiences while upholding accreditation standards.

Travel and Housing Requirements

- Students are required to maintain housing within a 50-mile radius of campus for the entire duration of the program.
- Rotations scheduled within a 50-mile radius of campus are considered local rotations.
- Rotations located beyond 50-miles from campus are designated as distant rotations.
- To ensure diverse clinical experiences, each student is required to complete two distant rotations during their clinical training. In these cases, students will be expected to travel or obtain temporary housing near the clinical site.
- If a student has established housing within a 50-mile radius to a distant rotation site, that site will be classified as a local rotation for that individual student.
- Students may volunteer to complete more than two distant rotations if they wish to explore opportunities unique to their interests.

All costs related to housing and travel—including fuel, lodging, parking, meals, and tolls—are the responsibility of the student. Please reference website page Full Program Tuition and Fee including other estimated costs that are not billed with tuition with Travel and Housing for SCPE's.

Note: Policies and procedures are consistently applied to all similar situations in a similar manner.