

Student Travel to Required Clinical Rotation Sites

Responsible Party	Policy Committee
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Rationale:

The Pfeiffer University Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MS-PAS) program is committed to informing prospective students, current students, faculty, alumni, and other stakeholders in a clear and transparent manner about the program's expectations for travel to required supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) sites / clinical rotations.

General Information

The Pfeiffer University MS-PAS program policies apply to all students in the clinical phase of the program.

Policy

During the clinical phase, all SCPE / clinical rotations are obtained and assigned by the program. Most rotations occur within a 50-mile radius of the Center for Health Sciences (CHS) campus. However, each student can expect to be assigned to **two** SCPE / clinical rotations more than 50 miles from the CHS campus which may require housing expenses. North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) offers housing across North Carolina, subject to availability and specific location.

Due to the complexity and availability of clinical sites and preceptors, rotation schedules are determined by the clinical team and are not at the discretion of students. While the program seeks to minimize travel, rotations are scheduled based on educational needs and site availability—not proximity to a student's residence. Students should be aware that, although rare, changes to clinical training sites or preceptors may occur close to the start of a rotation.

All expenses related to transportation, lodging, and meals during clinical rotations are the sole responsibility of the student.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Policy Committee.