

Division of Physician Assistant Studies

Clinical Site Procurement and Travel Policy

Clinical Site Procurement

Students in the physician assistant studies program will not be asked or required to locate or solicit clinical sites or preceptors for their clinical rotations. It is the responsibility of the program to locate, evaluate, and coordinate clinical sites and preceptors for all required rotations.

For the elective rotations, students may make suggestions for a site and preceptor. **After evaluation of the clinical site and preceptor by program faculty**, the program will make a determination regarding the educational suitability of the site.

The physician assistant studies program is responsible for obtaining a written affiliation agreement between West Virginia University and the School of Medicine and each clinical site at which supervised clinical practice experiences occur.

Travel to Clinical Sites

All courses during the didactic phase of the program are held at the Health Sciences Center in Morgantown, West Virginia. For any given student, most supervised clinical practice experiences during the final year of the program will take place in Morgantown or within a 30-mile radius of Morgantown (a distance which allows for a reasonable daily commute).

The program requires each student to complete a 4-week rotation in a rural, primary care setting. For this required rural rotation, housing is provided at no cost to the student through the WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health's [Rural Health Initiative](#). Students should also expect that they may be scheduled for approximately 10 additional weeks of rotations at a more distant clinical site for two to four weeks at a time. In these cases, housing will also be provided at no cost to the student.

An estimate of the costs associated with travel to clinical sites is included on the [Tuition and Fees](#) page of the program's website.

Applicable 6th Edition ARC-PA Standards

A3.08 The program publishes, makes readily available to current and prospective students, and consistently applies a policy stating that students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors.

A3.14 The program publishes, consistently applies, and makes readily available to enrolled and prospective students

j) policy for student travel to required rotation sites.

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