The PA program will strive to maintain high quality clinical sites for use in the Master of Physician Assistant Studies curriculum. Prior to the activation of a clinical site, the Clinical Coordinator will assess the site’s abilities to meet the educational and training goals of the course and the number of students that can be assigned in each academic year. Clinical sites that do not meet the minimum educational requirements for PA students shall be removed from the approved list of clinical sites.

**Application.**

This policy applies to program staff and faculty who recruit and/or maintain clinical education sites.

**Definitions.**

1. **Clinical Coordinator (CC).** “Clinical coordinator” (CC) means a faculty member who is responsible, in whole or in part, for recruiting, scheduling and maintaining clinical education sites.

2. **Clinical Site.** “Clinical site” means any place where PA Student clinical education occurs that is outside the normal classroom or simulation lab environment.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

1. The Clinical Coordinator is responsible for collecting and compiling information on clinical sites. Clinical rotation sites shall be evaluated for overall suitability based upon:
   - Location and type of clinical practice provided.
   - Demographics of the population served.
   - Formal education, training and experience of the physician supervisor/preceptor(s).
   - Preceptor commitment to goals and objectives of the rotation.
   - Preceptor’s knowledge of the Physician Assistant role and profession.
   - Adequacy of physical facilities for teaching and study.
   - Preceptor willingness to participate in instruction and supervision of students.
   - Preceptor willingness to provide written/verbal evaluations of student’s performance.
   - Sufficiency of patients to provide adequate student experiences.
• The presence of a practicing PA on site as a role model (not a requirement).
• Geographic location of the site and availability of housing.

    **Responsible Party:** Clinical Coordinator.

2. A record of approved clinical sites will be maintained and updated every two years.

    **Responsible Party:** Clinical Coordinator.

3. PA student evaluations of preceptors and sites will be collected and reviewed annually.
   A report on the findings will be provided to the Physician Assistant Studies Curriculum Committee on an annual basis.

    **Responsible Party:** Clinical Coordinator.

4. Sites that do not accept more than one student per year will generally not be used, except for purposes of an elective rotation.

    **Responsible Party:** Clinical Coordinator.

**References and Cross-references.**

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