

Nurse Practitioner Student Placement at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

As an academic medical center, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine provides clinical placement for Penn State University graduate students in Medicine, Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant programs. Once these needs are filled, very few clinical preceptors are available. Several clinical departments have an established process regarding NP student placements, some departments have a contact person to start their process and others have no formal process.

NP students in Family Practice, Adult Gerontology Primary Care, and Pediatric Primary Care programs will make clinical requests for Family Community Medicine, Pediatrics, and Women’s Health rotations as outlined below.

The following process will be implemented March 1, 2017 for the fall 2017 term.

Family Practice, Adult Gerontology Primary Care & Pediatric Primary Care Process:

- NP students will have the opportunity to submit online requests during a 30 day window 5 months prior to the anticipated semester need. Students will be notified within 15 days after the close of the 30 day window if they have been assigned or not.
- For Hershey Medical Center employees, the online clinical request process schedules and other details are also located on the Infonet on the Back to School website.

UPDATE: As of March 1 2017, there are no Primary Care Preceptors available for:

- **Family Community Medicine: Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018**
- **Pediatrics: Summer 2017**
- **Women’s Health: Fall 2017 and Spring 2018**

Semester	Window to submit online request form	Notification
FALL (Any start between August – December)	March 1 - 31	By April 15
SPRING/WINTER (Any start between January - April)	August 1 - 31	By September 15
Requests for SUMMER (Any start between May – July)	December 1 – 31	By January 15

These following departments have a contact person to request NP student clinical rotations. NP students should contact the individual below designated by their department. **Once a clinical preceptor agreement is arranged**, complete the online clinical request form to document your preceptor agreement. HMC employees do not require any further paperwork. If you are not a Hershey Medical Center employee, then complete the 3 required forms on the previous webpage and send to Pam Meinert. (pmeinert@pennstatehealth.psu.edu)

NP Clinical Specialty	Contact
Pediatric Acute Care NP	Emily Pinos PACNP epinos@pennstatehealth.psu.edu
Neonatal NP	Dr. Dennis Mujsic dmujsic@pennstatehealth.psu.edu
Nurse Midwife and Women’s Health NP This is not for Family or Adult primary care students interested in a WH rotation.	Pam Meinert pmeinert@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

No official process is available for NP student clinical placements with providers in the following areas. Preceptor requests must be arranged with individual providers and do not follow the deadline process above.

Internal Medicine Adult Hematology/Oncology Psychiatry (not available at HMC) Adult Critical Care for AGACNP students
<p><u>For these specialties, If you have an agreement with a preceptor, you MUST complete the online clinical request form to document your agreement and submit the 3 required forms (if not a Hershey Medical Center employee).</u></p>

Student Provider IT Access for Nurse Practitioner students:

Hershey Medical Center employees:

- If a preceptor is assigned, contact the Hershey Medical Center Liaison 30 days prior to the semester to apply for provider student IT access.

Non-Hershey Medical Center employees:

- As per Cyber Security policy, the Clinic/Unit coordinator will use the existing Hershey Medical Center process for setting up provider student IT access. Contact your preceptor 1 month prior to the start of clinical to arrange IT access with the clinical department.