

CENTRAL COAST PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Clinical-year FAQs

How many students are assigned to a clinical site?

A.T. Still University-College for Healthy Communities (ATSU-CHC) accepts a cohort of 90 students each year. Typically, two to five students are assigned to each clinical site and/or region.

When will we know which students are coming to our site?

Sites will be assigned at least two months before each clinical rotation. ATSU-CHC's clinical team will introduce students to sites after all assignments are made. Hometown Scholars are assigned first, and then other students are assigned based on a variety of factors to the remaining available slots.

What are the clinical rotations like? What is expected?

Students complete five-week rotations in the following required disciplines:

- Internal medicine
- Family medicine
- Women's health
- Pediatrics
- Behavioral health
- Emergency medicine
- Surgery

After completing each rotation, students take a multiple-choice, end-of-rotation examination. Preceptors fill out a final evaluation for each student to ensure all students meet the learning outcomes for each rotation.

Can preceptors be rewarded for their work with students?

Absolutely! Preceptors receive access to A.T. Still Memorial Library, which includes multiple medical texts, journal subscriptions, and UptoDate access. Additionally, preceptors may request a certificate of hours precepted to redeem for Category II CME, and preceptors who are PAs are eligible for Category I CME through the American Academy of Physician Associates.

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