

CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS

Clinical Facilities

Clinical clerkships are supervised clinical practice experiences that offer the student opportunities to learn and apply patient care skills in actual healthcare settings. Students will synthesize both academic and clinical skills acquired during the didactic year and, under the supervision of a clinical preceptor, apply these skills with increasing competence throughout the clinical year. Chamberlain uses a variety of hospitals and clinical agencies to provide supervised clinical practice experiences, including outpatient clinics, hospitals, operating rooms and emergency rooms. The MPAS Clinical Coordinator, in collaboration with faculty, coordinates all clinical assignments for students.

Clinical Coordination

Chamberlain MPAS students are not required or responsible for finding their clinical sites or preceptors. Our clinical model, featuring centralized coordination and national compliance, manages the process for our students and the clinical agencies that host them. Clinical coordinators work with our healthcare partners to establish clinical experiences and to ensure that students meet necessary requirements for clinical compliance and the individual rules and regulations of each healthcare partner. In order to participate in clinical clerkships, students must be up to date with all requirements and immunizations.

Clinical Expectations

Clinical experience is an essential requirement of Chamberlain's MPAS degree program. To participate in supervised clinical practice experiences, students may be required to take and pass an additional drug screen and background check. Students who fail a drug screen or background check may be dismissed. Students are responsible for their own travel arrangements to complete clinical learning experiences. Chamberlain makes every effort to place students as close as possible to the campus location and/or as geographically accessible as possible, however, the MPAS is a specialized program, and some clinical clerkship sites may be located a significant distance from the campus. Students should note that significant travel may be required, and that they may be required to secure temporary housing near their clinical site to complete clinical learning experiences. Some clinical experiences require additional costs. Students are expected to attend clinical clerkships at the site assigned to them. All clinical-related expenses (including scrubs, additional clinical supplies, travel, housing, etc.) are the student's responsibility.