

HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

The program requires students to carry personal health insurance throughout the duration of their studies. However, students are not covered by Marquette University or a rotation site's employee health policy in the case of an injury, needle stick, or illness during their didactic or clinical year experiences.

If you do not have health insurance, you will not be eligible for placement at clinical rotation sites, as this is a condition of your placement. You may also not participate in the Community Clinics program during your didactic years, which will directly impact your course grades and potentially your graduation.

Students can purchase student health insurance from the insurance provider of their choice.

A Health Insurance Verification form must be signed and filed. At various points throughout the program, a copy of your health insurance card or other proof of insurance may be requested via CastleBranch to ensure compliance with this policy.

ARC-PA Standard A3.09 precludes the principal faculty, the program director, and the medical director from participating as health care providers for students in the program, except in an emergency.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE POLICY

The program requires all students to be up to date with immunizations and health maintenance requirements, in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for health professionals. State-specific mandates are also required to meet ARC-PA accreditation standards and maintain student safety.

Students must meet the policy requirements and keep up to date with annual requirements to participate in the experiential learning components of the program, including didactic year Community Clinics and clinical year clerkship experiences. Some immunization requirements may change, and the program will provide timely updates.

***Disclosure of Medical Information Release form must be signed during orientation and saved in the student file.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

The students must provide proof of their up-to-date immunizations, titers, and annual health maintenance assessments for all of the following. All documentation must be uploaded to CastleBranch. More instructions regarding CastleBranch will be provided.

1. Titer Requirements:

- Hepatitis B
- MMR* (If applicable – see MMR below)

2. Immunization Requirements

COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One or more doses annually, in alignment with CDC recommendations, ideally between September 1st and November 15th.
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One dose annually.▪ Students must receive seasonal influenza immunizations between September 1st and November 15th to ensure an adequate immune response to the vaccine prior to a community outbreak.
Adult Tdap	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Completion of Tdap primary series and at least one dose of Tdap in adult life. <p>If Tdap has not been previously received as an adult, you must obtain Tdap, regardless of the date of the last Td booster. Thereafter, Td or Tdap every 10 years.</p>
Td	If Adult Tdap \geq 10 years ago, a Td booster is required every 10 years.
Polio Series	Complete 3-dose series
Measles, Mumps, Rubella Series (MMR)	<p>The immunization record must show two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations given at least four weeks apart after one year of age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ State Immunization Registry is also accepted.▪ *If unable to provide documented immunization record/registry, a Measles, Mumps, and Rubella titer is required*
Hepatitis A Series	Complete 2–dose series HepA or 3–dose series HepA–HepB
Hepatitis B Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Childhood series and proof of positive titer▪ If negative titer, repeat the series and titer:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three (3) dose series with Engerix–B, PreHevbrio, or HepA–HepB OR ○ Two (2) dose series with Heplisav
Varicella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two (2) doses required

For individuals known to have an elevated susceptibility to infections, please review the following instructions according to the CDC: [Adult Immunization Schedule by Medical Condition and Other Indication | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC.](#)

3. Annual Health Maintenance Requirements

TB Test Requirements	<p>Students are required to have a TB test ANNUALLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the TB blood test (interferon-gamma release assays or IGRAs) such as the QuantiFERON Gold, or Mantoux skin TB Test is Positive, you must provide the date the test was positive and a negative chest x-ray report. Per the CDC, treatment for Latent TB in Healthcare professionals is highly recommended. Individuals should consult with their provider regarding this decision Clinical Testing Guidance for Tuberculosis: Health Care Personnel TB Prevention in Health Care Settings CDC. ▪ Thereafter, an ANNUAL Periodic Health Assessment Form must be completed, signed by a health care provider, and uploaded to CastleBranch.
Annual Physical Examination	<p>A Required Annual Physical Screening Form must be completed, signed by a health care provider, and uploaded to CastleBranch by the published due dates. Students may complete this requirement with their personal health provider or at the Marquette University Student Health Clinic.</p>

4. A 10-panel Drug Screen is required before the start of clinical year rotations; students do not need it before matriculation.

5. Students may need to complete additional site-specific requirements as determined by clinical sites, and if applicable, they will be individually instructed on these requirements.

Students traveling internationally for elective rotations must consult with a provider about travel immunization and health recommendations at least 4 weeks before travel and follow the CDC recommendations based on the country. The complete recommendations can be found here: [Travelers' Health | CDC](#)

Students traveling to Belize, South Africa, and/or Puerto Rico should be current with the above-required immunizations. They are recommended to also receive the Typhoid Vaccination at least two weeks prior to travel. Students traveling to South Africa should also consider Malaria chemoprophylaxis based on their travel plans and current transmission patterns.

Note: Students are responsible for the above-associated health maintenance costs.

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STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE

My acceptance to the Marquette Physician Assistant Studies Program is contingent upon my full compliance with the above health and immunization requirements. I will create a CastleBranch account to upload my documentation of proof of immunizations and health screening.

Name (Printed)

Date

Signature

Date

****Please email the signed form back to Erica.Galligan@marquette.edu**

**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM
Required Annual Physical Screening Exam**

Student Name _____

I verify that the above student is:

- in good health and free of any communicable diseases
- able to meet a Physician Assistant student's physical, mental, and emotional health demands.

The student has the following ADA requirements:

(N/A if Not Applicable OR Attach Documentation if Applicable)

PLEASE PRINT

Health Care Provider: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Provider Signature: _____

Date: _____

I attest that the above information is correct and truthful.

Student Signature: _____

MUPA STUDIES INCIDENTAL FINDINGS POLICY

During a student's course of study, incidental medical findings may be noted on physical exams or using diagnostic medical technology. These incidental findings may include known or unknown pathological findings or normal variants. These discoveries may occur in physical examination, point-of-care ultrasound, or laboratory sessions, among other educational settings. When an incidental finding is noted, faculty should maintain confidentiality and instruct the student to follow up with their primary care provider, student health, or emergency services, as indicated for diagnosis and consideration of management. It is important to note that the Marquette PA Program Faculty, the Program Director, and the Medical Director are not allowed to provide care or access to the student's health records unless in an emergency but may facilitate referrals to health facilities.

MUPA INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

Due to the nature of Physician Assistant training, there is the potential for exposure to infectious or environmental contacts that may lead to disease while on clerkship. Students should employ risk mitigation and prevention strategies such as performing hand hygiene, wearing personal protective equipment when there is an expectation of possible exposure to an infectious disease or material, following cough etiquette (covering your cough), proper handling of sharps, adequate and regular cleaning of the stethoscope, white lab coat, and scrubs. The CDC standard precautions should be followed:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/standard-precautions.html>.

If a student consider themselves to be at high risk for exposure, contraction, or complications from contact with patients who have infectious diseases or patients for whom high clinical suspicion for infection exists, the student needs to bring concerns to the program and clinical education team, who will then help to guide the student on proceeding forward. The student will be expected to work with the clinical team and preceptors on setting expectations for specific rotations.

Acquisition of an infectious or environmental disease may impact student learning activities during the didactic or clinical phase of training. Should a student contract an infectious disease, they may need to be cleared by their health care provider before continuing with the PA program course of studies. Additionally, the student must be able to meet MU PA technical standards. A student's continued participation in clinical activities may be delayed or prevented based on the degree and outcomes of any infectious exposure or disease, which may delay graduation from the program.

The student is financially responsible for any costs incurred secondary to infectious exposures or disease.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC POLICY

While on clerkship, the student should employ risk mitigation and prevention strategies for COVID while on the job, such as being vaccinated, performing hand hygiene, wearing personal protective equipment when caring for patients with potential COVID symptoms or as directed by the clinical site, and properly and regularly cleaning the stethoscope, white lab coat, and scrubs. Students should also wear appropriate masks as directed by clinical sites.

While on clerkship, if a student is notified of being exposed to a COVID-19-positive patient or employee and/or if the student tests positive for COVID-19 from a patient or employee contact, the student must:

1. Notify the Director of Clinical Education
2. Notify the preceptor and work with the clinical site to follow the site's COVID-19-specific guidelines and recommendations.
3. Follow the recommendations of the local health departments of the city/state.
4. Contact their primary care provider or the Marquette University Medical Clinic for guidance on testing and treatment.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 from a presumed exposure outside of the clerkship, the student must:

1. Notify the Director of Clinical Education
2. Notify the preceptor and clinical site of the exposure that occurred externally to the site or the student's positive test results. The student must not report to the clinic until further guidance is given. If informed while on-site participating in patient care, the student must immediately leave the clinical site.
3. Follow the guidance and recommendations of the local health departments of the city/state.
4. Contact their primary care provider or the Marquette University Medical Clinic for guidance on testing and treatment.

Vaccinated students who encounter a known exposure or who have COVID-19 symptoms should follow the CDC and CDC health care guidelines: [Respiratory Virus Guidance | Respiratory Illnesses | CDC](#)

EXPOSURE POLICY

Anytime a student is exposed to any health hazard that might compromise or put them at risk (e.g., blood contamination, infectious diseases), a report must be filed in the student's record in the program department.

This is an OSHA requirement. A student must report any possible exposure to the preceptor or delegate, however insignificant you might think it is. The course director and program director must also be contacted immediately.

All students with exposures MUST go to employee health/occupational health if this occurs at a clinical site or the Emergency Room if it is after hours and follow their instructions. The CDC has published recommendations regarding bloodborne infectious diseases: HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C: [CDC - Bloodborne Infectious Diseases - Stop Sticks : Bloodborne Pathogens - NORA](#)

The student will have a copy of each form in their folders before going to any clinical site.

The student is to make a copy of the forms for their own personal records. Any costs incurred are the student's responsibility.

Any questions or concerns will be directed to the Director of Clinical Education or PA Program Director.

Send a copy of the Exposure Incident Report to the PA Program.