



Benefits to Becoming a Preceptor



CHATHAM UNIVERSITY
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

WHY become a preceptor?

Preceptors are an essential (and highly appreciated!) part of the healthcare education system. Many practitioners serve as preceptors to give back to the profession, but there are a number of other benefits, too.

“Chatham’s problem-based learning approach trains their students to have not only an extensive knowledge base, but also the ability to quickly and creatively adapt to the tasks and challenges they encounter daily. After personally working with a Chatham Master of Physician Assistant Studies graduate for several years, I am grateful to have her on my healthcare team.”

— FREDDIE H. FU, M.D., University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

▶ BENEFITS:

TO YOU

- **CME credits.** Physicians, nurse practitioners, and other health professionals may claim Category II credits, and PAs may claim Category I or II credits.
- **Tuition remission.** Preceptors can request a tuition waiver that is good for three credits of Chatham coursework, graduate or undergraduate, online or on-campus (excluding physician assistant, physical therapy, and occupational therapy courses).
- **Enhance your knowledge base.** Preceptors report that they appreciate the opportunity to revisit topics and details that are not part of everyday practice and staying up-to-date with current recommendations and guidelines.
- **Strengthen your leadership skills and explore the role of a healthcare educator.** Precepting not only allows you to give back to the profession—it can help you advance your career.
- **University affiliation.** Your Clinical Assistant Professor appointment comes with a Chatham e-mail account, ID card (with access to Chatham’s Athletic and Fitness Center and library, and faculty rates at sponsored concerts and lectures).

TO YOUR PRACTICE

- **Having PA students can increase patient satisfaction.** While you see returning patients, a student can perform new patient intakes and exams, decreasing the amount of time that patients sit in waiting rooms.
- **Tuition discount to all employees at your site.** Chatham extends a 20% tuition discount to all employees of organizations that host Chatham students for clinical rotations. The discount applies to a range of programs, including fully online RN-BSN, MSN, and DNP nursing programs; an online MBA with Healthcare Management concentration; a Master of Accounting; online bachelor completer programs in business administration and many more.
- **Early look at the talent.** It’s not at all uncommon for Chatham PA students to receive job offers from a clinical rotation site. And even if your site isn’t currently hiring, it’s often useful to see what new graduates can bring to the table.

OF SELECTING CHATHAM

The problem-based learning (PBL) focus of Chatham’s MPAS program means that students are exceptionally well-prepared to hit the ground running in their clinical rotations. Unlike students who have received most of their education through lectures, Chatham students come to rotation with a year’s worth of:

- Simulated interactions, including patient exams, patient interviewing, patient education, and patient presentations to preceptors
- Experience working in a team to problem-solve
- Competence in navigating evidence-based medical resources
- Practice receiving and implementing constructive feedback on all aspects of their clinical rotation preparation and performance

In addition, Chatham’s PAS program is fully committed to making your experience—from finding out more about becoming a preceptor to handling any issues that may arise—as seamless, smooth, and positive as possible.

Learn more at chatham.edu/mpas, or contact PA_Program@chatham.edu.

FROM OUR PRECEPTORS

*“My experience with Chatham has been nothing but positive; I have enjoyed each and every student due to their **excellent preparation, motivation and exemplary work ethic.**”*

*“I have consistently enjoyed working with the PA students from Chatham. They have been **so well prepared and so easy to work with. Truly delightful!**”*

*“**It has been a pleasure to be involved in teaching Chatham students.** It’s an important role to participate in the education of other providers and we all have a long-term obligation to ensure quality healthcare for all patients.”*

*“I very much enjoy precepting. I do what I can for the students. They help to keep me connected to my educational years and **bring some color and personality to the office and hospital when they are here.**”*

Quotes from an anonymous survey conducted by Chatham University.

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