

Physician Assistant Program Updates & Requests

REQUEST FOR CLASS OF 2020 PRECEPTORS



With the onset of the pandemic in mid-March, the clinical rotations for our class of 2020 were put on hold. Hospitals and rural sites in New Mexico began opening to accept students June 1, 2020. Since then, Lindsay Fox, PA-C, Clinical Coordinator and Natalie Martinez, Program Specialist, began the daunting task of scheduling these students where they could in order for them to complete the program, on to graduation, board exams and job opportunities. We hope, barring a second wave of the virus, to have each student through their clinical year by mid-November. We've knocked on several doors to seek placements, some said, "there is no room" while others graciously opened their doors and sites to allow the students to continue on with their education to fulfill their dreams of becoming a well-rounded Physician Assistant.

We would like to give a HUGE shout out to our rural partners at Nor-Lea Regional Hospital District in Hobbs and Lovington, Ben Archer Health Center in Hatch, Cibola General Hospital in Grants, Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell, Health Front in association with Cristus St. Vincent Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine, Taos Clinic for Children and Youth, and El Centro Family Health in Embudo for their steadfast support of our program and students. To the UNM Departments of Family and Community Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center and Presbyterian Health Services for graciously opening your clinics and doors to our students. Without you, we could not move these

REQUESTS FOR CLASS OF 2020: Still in need to fill 2 Primary Care rotations. They are 3 weeks in length and the dates vary due to different start dates for the students. The dates available are September 14 – October 2, 2020 and November 2 – 20, 2020. Please contact Lindsay Fox, PA-C at atlefox@salud.unm.edu or Natalie Martinez at atnmartinez@salud.unm.edu if you are willing and able to host a student.

Now on to the class of 2021. We are still in need of preceptors to fill 5 slots for their Continuity Clinic. The sessions are held on Thursday afternoons, 1:00pm – 5:00pm for six afternoons September 10 – November 19, 2020. If you would like to host a student, please contact Lindsay Fox, PA-C at atlefox@salud.unm.edu or Natalie Martinez



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