# Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant (CHA/PA) Students

Students in the CHA/PA Program have clinical experiences in community practices during all three years of their training. If you are interested in precepting in any of these programs, please contact:

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### First-Year Clinical Rotations

Course Description: First-year students learn clinical skills, including history, physical examination assessment, and patient management, under the supervision of community clinical preceptors. Preceptors should be licensed health care providers with experience in their field of instruction.

Time Commitment: One day each week (Tuesdays) for each six-week session.

Time of Year: There are two sessions per year, one in Spring and the other in Fall

Level of Trainee: First-year CHA/PA students.

Preceptors Needed: MDs, DOs, PAs, or NPs.

Second-Year Clinical Rotations

Course Description: Second-year students expand on their clinical skills, including history, physical examination, assessment, and patient management, under the supervision of community clinical preceptors.

Time Commitment: One day each week (Tuesdays)

Time of Year: August through May

Level of Trainee: Second Year CHA/PA students.

Preceptors Needed: MDs, DOs, PAs, NPs

### Second-Year Summer Clinical Rotations

Course Description: During this experience second-year PA students expand on their clinical skills, including history, physical examination, assessment and patient management, under the supervision of community clinical preceptors.

Time Commitment: Daily for two-week blocks

Time of Year: June- August

Level of Trainee: Second-year CHA/PA students.

Preceptors Needed: MDs, DOs, PAs, or NPs.

#### Third-Year Rural Clinical Rotations

Course Description: It has been shown that students who do longer rotations in a rural area are more likely to practice there. All CHA/PA third-year students are required to do a one-month rural rotation in primary or specialty care.

Students in the Rural track have an additional two-month rural family medicine requirement. During this experience students expand on their clinical skills, including history, physical examination assessment, and patient management, under the supervision of community clinical preceptors.

Time Commitment: Daily for one month for all third-year students. for all third-year PA students; and two months in family medicine for rural track students.

Time of Year: June through April.

Level of Trainee: Third-year CHA/PA students.

Preceptors Needed: MDs, DOs, PAs, or NPs in rural settings. in family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, women's health, inpatient, emergency medicine or other disciplines,

## Third-Year Clinical Rotations

Course Description: This experience gives CHA/PA third-year students the opportunity to develop competencies in a variety of required and subspecialty disciplines including family medicine, ambulatory pediatrics, internal medicine, emergency medicine, inpatient medicine, neonatology or adolescent medicine, surgery, women's health and other disciplines under the supervision of community clinical preceptors.

Time Commitment: One month.

Time of Year: June through April.

Level of Trainee: Third-year CHA/PA students.

Preceptors Needed: MDs, DOs, PAs, or NPs.