POLICY NAME:	SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE						
RESPONSIBILITY For Development/Review:	☐ University Admin	☒ Dept.Chair/ Program Director	☒ Academic Director	☒ Clinical Director	☒ Faculty	☒ Medical Director	☒ Administrative Secretary
APPROVED BY:	Faculty						
DATE CREATED:	4/17/2014						
DATE REVISED:	2/26/2025						
REVIEWED: Annually	2/26/2025						
SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS:	*TYPHON Group Healthcare Solutions http://typhongroup.net/Mercyhurst DPAS Student and Policy Handbooks*						
OCCURANCE:	☐ Daily	☐ Weekly	☐ Monthly	☐ Quarterly	☒ Yearly	☒ As Needed	
PURPOSE:	To document the DPAS policy to ensure sufficient exposure of students to patients that meet the program defined expectations for clinical experiences, as well as the process of acquisition of clinical sites or preceptors.						
POLICY:	Students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors. The DPAS is responsible for all rotation assignments and must maintain quality experiences for all students. The DPAS requires a minimum number of patient experiences based on settings, patient demographics, clinical practice and types of encounter the student must meet. Students can also log procedures associated with their patient encounters for verification in completing their Clinical Procedures and Skills Performance Evaluation. Students are required to log all patient encounters during each rotation. Typhon, a web based program, will be used to assist the student in logging patient information and procedures associated with the patient encounter. Students will be trained in the use of this program prior to the clinical phase. Student logs are reviewed by the Clinical Director and principal faculty for content and consistency of the clinical experiences and ensure that students are meeting program benchmarks. Program benchmarks are defined below. Typhon logs are reviewed midway through the rotation and upon completion of the rotation. During the midpoint review, the clinical faculty checks progress in moving towards benchmarks and identify potential errors in logging. Failure to log patients by the end of the first Recall Day may result in lowering of the rotation grade by one letter grade. At the end of the rotation, the clinical faculty ascertains that the site provided an adequate number of clinical experiences and that the students have met their benchmarks. Patient tracking data is reviewed by comparing individual students to the cohort of other students who have completed rotations in that specialty. Student performance on assessments (End of Rotation Exams, write-ups, Clinical Performance						

Evaluation Preceptor Final Evaluation) is reviewed in conjunction to patient tracking data. To ensure that all students meet their program defined benchmarks, any student who reports insufficient patient encounters will be addressed through subsequent student SCPE assignments.

Additionally, the Typhon logging system is used to compare student experiences across sites for each rotation course. This is done to ensure that students have consistent rotation experiences and learning opportunities.

Patient Experiences	Minimum
Setting	
Outpatient	200
Emergency Department	50
Inpatient	50
Operating Room	10
Preoperative	10
Postoperative	10
Clinical Practice Experience	
Infants <2 years	20
Children 2-10 years	20
Adolescents 11-17 years	20
Adults 18-64 years	20
Elderly 65+	20
Prenatal	3
Gynecology	10
Behavioral/Mental Health	10
Encounter Type	
Preventive	40
Emergent	10
Acute	100
Chronic	100
Total Patient Experiences	703

OTHER NOTES: