

PAS Program Student Health Screening Policy and Procedure

Health Compliance is essential for maintaining the safety for GVSU PAS students, faculty, preceptors, and patients and is governed by the GVSU Health Compliance Office.

Policy

1. All PAS students must verify, via health screening mechanisms, that they meet all GVSU-defined health compliance requirements necessary to protect the health and well-being of other students, faculty, and patients. Health compliance requirements are established and maintained by the GVSU Office of Health Compliance and may change based on clinical site requirements, affiliation agreements, or applicable laws and regulations (Refer to the Health Compliance Office [website](#) for information regarding approved vendors and services).
2. Students who receive an approved medical or religious vaccine exemption through the GVSU Health Compliance Office should be aware that some clinical sites do not accept students with incomplete immunization status. Approval of a vaccine exemption does not guarantee access to required clinical placements and may limit or prevent a student's ability to participate in clinical education, delay progression, or prevent completion of the clinical phase of the PAS Program.
3. In addition to the health compliance requirements, each student must meet program-defined [technical standards](https://www.gvsu.edu/pas/technical-standards-18.htm) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/pas/technical-standards-18.htm>). Students are required to meet with a qualified health professional prior to program matriculation to verify their ability to meet these standards.
4. Students are responsible for all charges related to required health screening and compliance activities.
5. Students may choose the healthcare provider who completes required examinations, provided that documentation meets GVSU Health Compliance standards.
 - a. In accordance with ARC-PA standards, GVSU PAS faculty are prohibited from performing healthcare evaluations, examinations, or providing medical care for students enrolled in the program.
 - b. Students are discouraged from utilizing family members or individuals with whom they have a close personal relationship as the evaluating healthcare provider, due to potential ethical conflicts of interest, concerns regarding objectivity, and professional boundary considerations.
6. GVSU-approved health forms must be used to complete all health screening requirements.

Procedure

1. PAS students receive written notification outlining health compliance requirements approximately 3 to 4 months prior to program start. This communication includes applicable requirements and contact information for the GVSU Health Compliance Office.
2. Students are required to create an account in the GVSU Health Compliance system.
3. Students complete all required compliance items as outlined in the GVSU Health Compliance Policy and applicable program requirements.
4. The GVSU Health Compliance Officer attends the PAS New Student Orientation to introduce themselves and be available for any questions.
5. Students are responsible for regularly monitoring their health compliance account for upcoming expirations and outstanding requirements.

6. To participate in the Hospital Community Experience (HCE) I-III (PAS 572-574) course series, students must be fully compliant with all GVSU and program-specific health compliance requirements.
 - a. The HCE course series includes observational educational experiences at health-related affiliated organizations. Although not every experience involves direct patient care, the potential for infectious exposure exists; therefore, continuous health compliance is required.
 - b. Students who are not compliant with any health compliance requirements may not participate in HCE experiences until compliance is restored. Students will receive a grade of zero (0) for any weeks of required participation missed due to non-compliance.
7. Students are required to meet all GVSU and clinical site health compliance requirements to participate in Clinical Rotations I-III (PAS 610-630).
 - a. Students are required to maintain continuous and up-to-date health compliance throughout the entire clinical year.
 - b. Failure to maintain required health compliance will result in removal from the clinical site until compliance is restored. This may lead to a reduction in the clinical rotation grade, delayed progression or graduation, and delayed ability to register for and take the PA National Certification Examination (PANCE).
8. Students receive non-compliance and expiration notifications through the GVSU health compliance system and are responsible for reviewing clinical site-specific requirements at least 90 days prior to the start of each clinical rotation.
9. The GVSU Health Compliance Office conducts regular audits to monitor student compliance. PAS faculty advisors are informed of compliance status as needed, but do not have access to student health records.