

## **PAS Program Student Health Screening Policy and Procedure**

Health Compliance is important for maintaining safety for GVSU PAS students, faculty, preceptors, and patients.

### **Policy**

1. All PAS students must verify, via health screening mechanisms, that they do not have conditions that endanger the health and well-being of other students and patients. Screening requirements are subject to change as mandated by clinical sites or changes in the laws regulating occupational exposure. The GVSU Office of Health Compliance defines these requirements in the [Health Compliance Policy](#). (Refer to the Health Compliance Office [website](#) for information regarding where to obtain services and estimated costs)
2. 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 health professional prior to program matriculation to ensure they meet these standards.
3. Students are responsible for all charges related to health screening.
4. Students may choose the examiner; either their own private physician or university health services may be utilized.
5. GVSU health forms must be used to complete all health screening requirements.

### **Procedure**

1. PAS students receive a letter outlining health compliance requirements 3 to 4 months before the start of the program. This letter contains the individual requirements and the name and contact information of GVSU's Health Compliance Officer.
2. Students are required to create an account in [ViewPoint](#) Screening, the software program GVSU uses to track health compliance.
3. Students complete all required compliance items as outlined in the [Health Compliance Policy](#).
4. The GVSU Health Compliance Officer attends the PAS New Student Orientation to introduce themselves and be available for any questions.
5. Students are required to check Viewpoint at least once a semester to monitor for upcoming expirations and requirements.
6. To participate in the Hospital Community Experience (HCE) I-II (PAS 572-574) course series, students must meet all health compliance requirements.
  - a. The HCE course series requires students to participate in experiential education at health-related affiliated organizations. While not every experience is clinical, the potential for infectious exposure exists, so health compliance is required at all times.
  - b. If a student is not compliant with any health compliance requirements, they cannot participate in HCE experiences until compliance is met. They receive a "0" grade for any weeks that they are noncompliant.
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. Each student is required to maintain updated health compliance throughout the entire clinical year.
  - b. Failure to update health compliance results in removal from the clinical site until requirements are met. This could result in a reduction of the clinical rotation grade

and may delay graduation and their ability to register for and take the PA National Certification Examination (PANCE).

8. Students receive notification through ViewPoint if they are non-compliant with GVSU health compliance requirements. Students are responsible for reviewing clinical site health compliance requirements in Typhon® at least 90 days prior to rotation start date.
9. The GVSU Health Compliance Officer performs regular audits to ensure student compliance with health compliance requirements. PAS faculty advisors are provided information regarding compliance with requirements but do not receive any information regarding student health records.