

Job Shadow Information: for students shadowing Physician Assistants

Premier Health offers opportunities to shadow with professionals in clinical and non-clinical areas. Job shadowing may help fulfill academic requirements when applying to a graduate program. Premier Health can offer students up to 20 hours of shadowing per calendar year. Use the *UD Student Job Shadow Schedule (PA)* to sign up for one of the opportunities to shadow a physician assistant. Please note instructions listed under Please note that the shadow is to take place during the week you signed up to shadow.

Refer to the “Job Shadow Orientation Booklet” for orientation and preparation for the shadow experience. Bring a state issued identification badge to verify your identity. Wear your student ID badge, business casual clothes and closed toe shoes unless other instructions are provided by the preceptor.

As you sign up for the physician assistant job shadow experiences pay attention to the location. Currently only two locations are offered, Miami Valley Hospital South and Upper Valley Medical Center. Refer to the links below for directions to a hospital or office.

- Miami Valley Hospital South(MVHS) - <http://www.miamivalleyhospital.org/Locations/>
- Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC) - <https://www.uvmc.com/Locations/>

Preceptor Contact Information:

- Amy Frantz PA, General Surgery - Upper Valley Medical Center. Once you have signed up on the job shadow schedule, text Amy at 937-423-4452 to schedule a date and time to meet.
- Shawn Marhelski PA, Ortho/OR - Miami Valley Hospital South. You do not need to contact Shawn once you have signed up to job shadow. Only contact him if you have a last-minute cancellation. You can send an email to ssmarhelsk@PremierHealth.com.

Cancellation Policy:

- If you are unable to attend due to illness, notify the preceptor by email ASAP and contact Dr. DeBeer and Yolanda Munguia at ymunguia@premierhealth.com.

Special Instructions for surgery observations:

- Eat breakfast prior to going into the Operating Room. **No exceptions.**
- Please do not wear any scented lotions, perfume, cologne or hair products
- Please do not wear excessive or bulky jewelry
- Change into scrubs provided by the facility and wear comfortable shoes (no sandals or open toed shoes)
- Please speak immediately if you begin to feel ill or different than normal in any way while in the operating room.
- If you feel unwell at any time, sit down immediately, even if it is on the floor.

Parking:

- Free parking at Miami Valley Hospital South and Upper Valley Medical Center.

Tips for success:

- Be sure to dress in compliance with the information in the “Job Shadow Orientation Booklet”.
- It is important that you eat a substantial breakfast or lunch and have had plenty of fluids as you may be standing for a long time or garbed in surgical apparel which could cause you to become overheated.
- If you begin to feel unwell at any time, sit down immediately and notify your preceptor. If the only place to sit, is on the floor, then sit on the floor until you feel better.
- Communicate any feedback to Yolanda & Dr. DeBeer so that your clinical experience can be meaningful.
- Remember that this is an observation experience only. Do not provide any hands-on care to patients.
- A patient’s needs always come first. Be mindful when asking questions. You may want to wait until the patient has departed before asking questions.
- Patients may decline having you in the room when they are being examined or if a procedure is being done. If this happens to you, politely excuse yourself and wait where your preceptor tells you to.
- Wash your hands before and after exiting a patient room.

Student Observation goals:

- To observe the general surgery or orthopedic physician assistant taking the medical and surgical history, ordering and interpreting tests, assisting with wound care and in surgery, administering anesthetics, creating treatment plans, monitoring patient progress, and collaborating with others in the care of the patient with orthopedic issues.

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