Thank you for your interest in serving as a clinical preceptor for Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Physician Assistant (PA) students. We value your participation in and support of PA education.

Clinical preceptors are integral to creating successful learning experiences for PA students. By providing hands-on experience and real-world patient interactions you help our students develop the skills, knowledge, clinical judgment, and professionalism necessary to be successful, practicing PAs.

Our Mission
Our mission is to identify, train, and support a diverse population of graduate students to become highly respected ambassadors of the profession and extraordinary healthcare providers with a strong foundation in primary care medicine and interdisciplinary practice.

EMU’s PA Program
EMU’s PA program is a highly selective, year-round, two-year master degree program.

The Didactic Year
The first year of our innovative curriculum combines interactive lectures with hands-on, practical training. Problem-based learning and medical simulations develop clinical decision-making skills and the ability to apply practical knowledge to patient care. This approach provides students with the core knowledge and skills necessary to be successful PAs while emphasizing critical thinking abilities, communication skills, and professionalism.

The Clinical Year
During the second year, students work closely with clinicians in their practices. Students complete ten rotations that expose them to a wide range of medicine in a variety of settings. Under your guidance, students synthesize concepts and apply principles from their didactic education to better prepare them to provide patients with quality health care.
About Precepting
Preceptors teach students about effective communication, physical exams, problem assessment and diagnosis, and plan development.

Key responsibilities of preceptors include:
- Supervising, demonstrating, teaching, and observing students in clinical activities
- Providing students with opportunities to observe and participate in patient care
- Evaluating student performance
- Providing students and EMU faculty with ongoing, honest feedback about student performance

Requirements to Precept
EMU welcomes currently practicing PAs and physicians to serve as preceptors. Preceptors must hold a current, non-restricted license to practice medicine.

EMU’s Support of Preceptors
Serving as a preceptor for PA students is a significant responsibility but is also a very rewarding experience. Whether you work with one student a year or one student every four weeks, we are dedicated to supporting you to ensure that this is a beneficial experience for you and our students.

Benefits of Precepting
Your generous participation in PA education has a lifelong impact on the students you precept. Precepting is a great way to give back to and promote the medical profession.

Precepting is also a professional and personal development opportunity. PAs who serve as preceptors may be eligible for Category 1 CME credit.

Our program considers you a Clinical Instructor. Preceptors are welcome to guest lecture and serve on PA program committees. You are also invited to collaborate with EMU PA faculty in clinical and community-based research.

Next Steps
Please complete a Letter of Intent (emich.edu/pa/preceptor) and return it to the EMU program (fax: 734.487.1834; email: akarel@emich.edu).

Upon receipt of your Letter of Intent, we will contact you to organize the rotations.

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The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Eastern Michigan University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Eastern Michigan University.

Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program’s ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.

Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.