

Behavioral Health Rotation Preceptor Manual

Bethel University PA Program

Thank you for playing a crucial role in the clinical education of Bethel PA Students. This manual contains behavioral health rotation specific information. Please review our [preceptor website](#) for general preceptor guidelines and resources. **For any questions or concerns before, during, or after a rotation, please contact us at pa-clinical@bethel.edu.**

Rotation Information

Typical Rotation Length: 4 weeks

Required Preceptor Credentials: Current licensure to practice at their site and one of the following

- 1) Physicians who are specialty board certified in their area of instruction
- 2) NCCPA certified PAs
- 3) Other licensed health care providers qualified in their area of instruction including Licensed Psychologists

Evaluation Requirements: Complete an online evaluation of the student's performance and acquisition of rotation learning outcomes in the last week of the rotation (link will be provided by the Bethel PA Program).

Behavioral Health Rotation Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, the successful PA student will demonstrate competency in the following by achieving minimum scores as detailed in the course syllabus:

Knowledge

1. Demonstrate acquisition of medical knowledge necessary to provide behavioral and mental health care to children, adolescents, adults and elderly patients (K1)
2. Assess inventory, laboratory, and imaging test results appropriately to aid in clinical decision making (K2)
3. Provide effective, empathetic, and patient-centered counseling, education, and mental health care to patients in the behavioral health medicine setting across the lifespan (K3)

Clinical and Technical Skills

4. Demonstrate appropriate history taking and physical exam skills when caring for clinical patients in the behavioral health medicine setting for children, adolescent, adult, and elderly patients (CT1, CT2)
5. Appropriately perform clinical procedures within the scope of the behavioral health physician assistant role (CT3)

Clinical Reasoning

6. Assimilate clinical data to develop differentials, diagnoses, and plans for patients, using evidence-based principles for mental and behavioral health care across the lifespan in the behavioral health medicine setting (CR1)
7. Utilize appropriate medical resources to improve delivery of patient-centered care in the behavioral health medicine setting (CR2)

Interpersonal Skills

8. Establish professional relationships and communication skills with patients, preceptors, and clinical staff (IP1, IP2)

Professional Behaviors

9. Assess ethical dilemmas encountered when in clinic, including analysis of how the patient and provider's worldview or faith perspective impacted the situation (PB1)
10. Demonstrate understanding of the PA profession, including ethical, legal, and regulatory guidelines for practicing (PB2)
11. Appropriately complete professional administrative requirements for each rotation including logging in the electronic tracking system and submitting required evaluations (PB2)

Required Minimum Exposures

Students should see the listed diagnoses during this rotation, and will be expected to document a minimum of 90% of all minimum exposures by the end of the clinical year:

- BH - Anxiety Disorder
- BH - Depression
- BH - Mood Disorder
- BH - Personality Disorder
- BH - Somatoform Disorder
- BH - Substance Abuse Disorder