

Medical Provider Policy A3.09

Rowan-Virtua SOM students may seek care from the health professionals of their choosing. However, to ensure there is no conflict of interest between a student and their treating physician/health care professional, faculty members should not supervise or evaluate the academic performance of any student for whom they have provided health care, including psychiatric/psychological care.

If a faculty member discovers that they are assigned to an evaluative role of a student for whom they have provided health care, they must recuse themselves and confidentially notify the course / clerkship director immediately to reassign appropriate evaluators.

Students must also confidentially notify the Director of Clinical Education if they are paired with a health care professional who is or has treated them medically or psychiatrically; they will be reassigned to another faculty member.

Preceptors/module directors/clerkship directors who are involved in student assessment and evaluation will certify that they have not provided healthcare to the students they are evaluating. Additionally, all PA faculty members must certify that they have not, and will not, provide healthcare to the students. Department chairs will review this policy annually at their departmental faculty meetings. Students will attest to their compliance with this policy annually during orientation.

At no point in time may principal faculty, the Program Director, or the Medical Director participate as health care providers for students in the program, except in an emergency situation. If a student has a medical problem, they should be evaluated by the nearest emergency department, or by their personal medical provider of their choice. If a student has problems that require counseling, and need the help of a professional counselor, they should visit the University Student Mental Health Services.