

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING (APRN)

STUDENT GUIDE TO THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM

Welcome to The MetroHealth System! We are dedicated to making your clinical time here an enjoyable and educational experience. This guide contains information to help guide you through the application process and beyond.

Please read and review the entire packet

EDUCATIONAL AFFILIATIONS: The MetroHealth System has Advanced Practice Registered Nurse program affiliation agreements with the schools listed below

Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland State University	East Carolina University
Kent State University	Ohio University	The Ohio State University
University of Akron	University of Cincinnati	Ursuline College

Applications for clinical hours at The MetroHealth System will only be accepted from these schools. **Please do not apply for clinicals if you do not attend one of these schools.** Your application will be rejected. **Please note that due to the volume of requests we receive, we are not able to expand our affiliation agreements at this time.*

OBTAINING A PRECEPTOR

We do not arrange preceptors for you. You and/or your school are responsible for making these arrangements.

Please visit our Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Education website, <https://www.metrohealth.org/nursing/advanced-practice-registered-nursing-education> and click on “Clinical Experience” located to the left of the page. There you will find a list of APRNs who are willing to act as preceptors along with the experience they offer. Contact the specific department and request to speak directly to the APRN about a possible experience with them. You will likely need to leave a message for them to call you back since they are seeing patients. **The Life Flight clinical experience follows a different process, please refer to the specific section dedicated to Life Flight on page 3**

ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Once you have found a preceptor and they have confirmed that they are able to take you for the semester you are requesting, you must apply online at <https://www.metrohealth.org/nursing/advanced-practice-registerednursing-education> **DO NOT APPLY ONLINE IF THE PRECEPTOR HAS NOT AGREED TO TAKE YOU.**

If you have more than one preceptor, you can complete one application for a specific semester and list multiple preceptors on the same application. You must reapply for every semester that you would like to do a clinical rotation here. We understand that each school has a unique schedule. Our application deadlines (listed on page 2) apply, regardless of your school's calendar year/schedule. **APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEYOND THE DEADLINE DATE. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please apply for the semester that the start date of your clinical rotation falls within. You may apply up to one year in advance of your expected clinical rotation.

DEADLINE	SEMESTER	INCLUDED DATES
December 1, 2020	Spring 2021	Includes any time between January 1 and May 15
April 14, 2021	Summer 2021	Includes any time between May 16 and August 15
July 12, 2021	Fall 2021	Includes any time between August 16 and December 31
December 3, 2021	Spring 2022	Includes any time between January 1 and May 15
April 15, 2022	Summer 2022	Includes any time between May 16 and August 15
July 11, 2022	Fall 2022	Includes any time between August 16 and December 31

Once your application is received, you will receive an e-mail that your application is processing. The APRN Student Education Office will then contact your preceptor to confirm they have accepted you as their student. Once your preceptor formally confirms they have accepted you, you will receive a confirmation email that you have been accepted for the semester. You are not confirmed as a student rotator until you receive this email. Approximately one to two (1-2) weeks prior to the semester, you receive an e-mail from the GME office regarding the onboarding process.

For questions regarding the application process, please email the APRN Student Education office at APNstudenteducation@metrohealth.org (preferred contact method) or call 216-778-7447 (typical response in 3-4 business days).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION & ONBOARDING

We require that the following documents be uploaded at the time of application. If you are not able to do this, these can also be e-mailed to visitingstudent@metrohealth.org.

❖ **Letter of Verification from your school stating that the student:**

- Is an APRN student in good standing
- Possesses an unencumbered and current Registered Nurse license in the State of Ohio
- Possess a current BLS certification
- Has a valid and clear background check on file at the school
- Has appropriate malpractice and liability insurance
- Has up to date immunizations, including TB and influenza vaccine (during required months)

❖ **Immunizations**

- TB - PPD by Mantoux method, dated no more than 12 months prior to date of clinical experience is required. If positive, a chest x-ray result is required. If you have received the BCG vaccine, please specify date and provide documentation.
 - Seasonal Flu Vaccination – Required for rotations between November and April
 - Documentation of the following immunizations is PREFERRED, but not required. Students assume the risk of exposure to such diseases if immunizations are not secured and maintained over the course of their Program
 - Hepatitis B (series of 3 immunizations or titers), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (series of 2 immunizations or titers), Varicella (Chicken Pox) (documented history, immunization or titer), Diphtheria/tetanus/Pertussis (Record of booster within the past 10 years)

❖ **Insurance**

- Certificate of Malpractice Insurance Coverage with limits of liability no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Life Flight

The Life Flight application process differs from our regular student application process. **Light Flight applications must be received 30 days prior to the regular student deadline.**

Preceptors: Dr. Robert Grabowski DNP, APRN-CNP, AGACNP-BC, CPNP-AC, CEN, CCRN, CFRN, CMTE, EMT-P - Chief Flight Nurse Practitioner; James Rutherford MSN, APRN-CNP, ACNP-BC; Marie Longo, MSN, APRN-CNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC; Paula Mickan, MSN, APRN-CNP, AGACNP-BC; Andrea Adoni, MSN, APRN-CNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC; Dr. David Kaniecki, DNP, APRN-CNP, ACNP-BC

- The Metro Life Flight APRN clinical experience is available to Acute Care Nurse Practitioner students only. Preference is given to Case Western Reserve University's Flight ACNP students, and remaining experiences are granted on limited basis to appropriately experienced, senior ACNP students. Applying students receive a review of their resume/CV for relevant experience, as well as review of applicant's height and weight for restrictions related to helicopter operations.

The student will participate in and learn:

- Critical Care Transport by helicopter and ground ambulance
- Communication, weather, aviation operations, and other considerations to transport safety and operations
- Emergency management of acutely ill and injured patients across the entire lifespan
- Logistical, medical, and operational considerations for treating and transporting clinically unstable patients
- Prehospital management of patients
- Assess, diagnose, and treat patients in the prehospital setting, rural emergency departments or ICUs
- Emergency and critical care procedures such as: RSI intubation, surgical cricothyroidotomy, tube/finger thoracostomy, central/arterial line placement, fracture reduction, ATLS/ACLS skills
- Point of Care Ultrasound exam of trauma patients
- Interaction with EMS, Fire, and Police departments across Northeast Ohio
- Public relations events (on hold during Covid-restrictions)
- Students can fly 0700-1900 (7-7) or 1100-2300 (11-11) No students past 2300 (11pm) Additionally, students may be moved or prevented from going to certain bases during aircraft maintenance or other circumstances such as having a spare aircraft with different operating conditions.

To apply for a Life Flight rotation:

- Complete a student application and list "Life Flight" as your preceptor.
- Email your CV to APNstudenteducation@metrohealth.org
- Once your application is received, you may be contacted by a member of the Life Flight leadership team with questions or to schedule an interview.
- Life Flight leadership will determine which students are accepted. Once they determine who is accepted for a semester, you will receive a confirmation email from the APRN Education department, and it will contain contact information for arranging your rotation schedule.

ORIENTATION

There is not an in-person orientation. The GME Office will send logistical information and computer access information to you via e-mail the week prior to your start date. If you have questions regarding onboarding or orientation, please e-mail visitingstudent@metrohealth.org.

PARKING

Park in the SACKETT LOT (surface parking lot located at the corner of W. 25th Street and MetroHealth Drive). IF THE SACKETT LOT IS CLOSED OR FULL you can park in the Emergency Room Visitors lot (the surface lot across the street from the Southpoint garage). You should not park in any other lot.

The fee for parking is the employee rate of \$7.86 per week and is payable by cash or check only. The Parking Office is located on the Ground floor of the Employee Garage on the corner of Scranton & MetroHealth Drive, across from the Sackett Lot. Their hours are 7:00 to 4:00 M-F.

IDENTIFICATION BADGE

You are required to wear a MetroHealth APRN Student ID badge at all times while at any of The MetroHealth System campuses. The ID badging office is located on the 5th floor of the Towers (near the "B" elevators). One of the following is required to obtain an ID badge:

- Valid Driver's License
- State Identification Card
- Valid Passport

You will need to return your badge to The MetroHealth System Police Department or the GME office at the end of your rotation. Your orientation email will contain instructions on obtaining your badge.

DRESS CODE

The MetroHealth System does not provide lab coats for you. You are expected to dress in a professional manner. No t-shirts, jeans or open-toed shoes allowed. Please refer to the hospital dress code policy if you have any questions.

PAGERS AND TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

To page at The MetroHealth System, dial the pager number and you will be prompted with directions. We also have text paging available on our MIV system. To reach an outside line, dial 9 then the number.

MEALS

You are responsible for your own meals. The cafeteria at the main campus serves breakfast from 7:00 am to 10:00 am, lunch from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm and dinner from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm daily. You will have an option of adding money to your MetroHealth ID for payment of meals.

MEDICAL LIBRARY AND INTERNET ACCESS

The Harold H. Brittingham Memorial Library is located on the second floor of the Rammelkamp Center for Education and Research (room 267) at our main campus. Please check the MIV or call the Library for hours as they are subject to change (216-778-5623).

HIPAA COMPLIANCE

As part of the online application, all students are required to initial The MetroHealth System HIPAA Form which is part of the online application. You will also receive a PowerPoint presentation and a Confidentiality Acknowledgement Form via e-mail from the GME office the week prior to the start of your rotation. You will be required to complete and return as instructed by the GME office.

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS ACCESS

The MetroHealth System utilizes the EPIC EMR system. All patient information is protected by HIPAA privacy and security laws. Users are reminded to access only patient information that is necessary and not to share information or give out their username or passwords.

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

MetroHealth Medical Center Main Campus is located at 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44109-1998 (216) 778-7800

Directions from Cleveland's western suburbs: Take I 480 East to I-71 North. Exit at W.25th Street. Turn left onto W.25th Street and take a right onto MetroHealth Drive to enter the campus.

Directions from Cleveland's eastern suburbs: Take I-480 West to Route 176 North (Jennings Freeway). Exit at West 14th Street and follow signs to I-71 South. Exit at West 25th Street. Turn left at the end of the ramp and follow West 25th Street to MetroHealth Drive. Turn right onto MetroHealth Drive to enter the campus.

Directions from Downtown Cleveland via I-71: Exit at West 25th Street. Turn left at the end of the ramp and follow West 25th Street to MetroHealth Drive. Turn right onto MetroHealth Drive to enter the campus.

Directions from Cleveland's southeast suburbs/Akron via I-77: Exit at I-480 West. Take I-480 West to Route 176 (Jennings Freeway). Exit at West 14th Street and follow signs to I-71 South. Exit at West 25th Street. Turn left at the end of the ramp and follow West 25th Street to MetroHealth Drive. Turn right onto MetroHealth Drive to enter the campus.

Directions from Cleveland's southwest suburbs/Cleveland Hopkins Airport via I-71: exit at West 25th Street. Turn left at the end of the ramp and follow West 25th Street to MetroHealth Drive. Turn right onto MetroHealth Drive to enter the campus.