

OCHSNER CLINICAL SCHOOL POLICY

Policy #: OCS 400.1

Title: Student Injury/Illness

PURPOSE

Xavier University of Louisiana Physician Assistant Program and Ochsner Health System will ensure maximum protection of all students in the event of an accident or exposure causing injury or illness, which occurs while completing an educational rotation. Ochsner Clinical and Health System will offer screening, evaluation and treatment for all injuries in compliance with statutory regulations. This policy outlines student and administrative responsibilities when an injury occurs during completion of an educational activity.

DEFINITIONS

Injury – Any mishap or occurrence associated with clinical activity that results in or could have resulted in the injury or illness. This would include, but is not limited to falls, punctures, strains, or equipment malfunctions.

Occupational Illness – Any communicable illness arising out of and in the course of training with Xavier University of Louisiana Physician Assistant Program due to exposure to a communicable disease.

POLICY STATEMENTS/PROCEDURES

- I. In the event of a student's injury or illness, a student should immediately notify his/her clinical rotation supervisor. Clinical rotation supervisors should follow the procedures outlined below:
 - a. The student must document the occurrence in the recording system used by the facility at which the student is rotating.
 - b. If medical attention is not requested or is refused, the completed form should be sent to the location designated on the form and a copy to the OCS administrative office.
 - c. If the student needs/requests medical attention, the clinical rotation supervisor should send the student to the facility's designated healthcare provider.
 - d. The student may be referred to another health care provider if further medical treatment and/or follow-up care is needed. The student must bring a note from the treating healthcare provider to the Employee Health and Wellness office and provide a copy to the OCS administrative office with results of the illness or injury and treatment timeframes.

- e. Students sent to an Emergency Department for treatment must report to Employee Health or physician/location designated by the clinical rotation supervisor at the first available opportunity during regular scheduled hours before returning to clinical educational activity.
- f. If the student injury or illness will result in a prolonged absence, the student will refer to the XULA PA Student Attendance policy, which outlines attendance and rotation guidelines and policies.