I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the criticality of clinical education and training as an essential component of UT Health San Antonio’s academic mission and prioritizes the placement of UT Health San Antonio students in affiliated UT Health San Antonio clinical practice locations.

II. Scope

The policy applies to formal credit-bearing academic programs offered through UT Health's diverse schools and departments as well as non-credit programs offered and directly supervised by UT Health San Antonio faculty and the academic and clinical departments to which they are affiliated.

III. Policy

As an academic health center, UT Health San Antonio offers both credit-bearing and non-credit academic and clinical education and training programs consonant with the University’s mission. UT Health San Antonio departments and Schools organize these programs under the direct supervision of UT Health San Antonio faculty. UT Health San Antonio is recognized by the appropriate regulatory, licensing, and/or accrediting entity as the organizational unit offering the educational experience.

Given the diversity and breadth of UT Health San Antonio's educational and training programs across the span of the health professions, from pre-licensure to fellowship training as well as biomedical research training, UT Health San Antonio is a nationally recognized academic health center destination where learners seek to gain experience as they acquire their skills in multiple clinical disciplinary areas.
The broad landscape of UT Health San Antonio's educational enterprise is optimized when UT Health San Antonio's learners have the opportunity to conduct their clinically based education and training at UT Health San Antonio's clinical sites.

A. UT Health San Antonio will give priority placement consideration to learners enrolled and participating in UT Health San Antonio organized educational programs. Placement of learners will be managed collaboratively, in coordination with the clinical site and the relevant UT Health San Antonio educational program faculty leader.

B. Clinical education placements will be offered to non-UT Health San Antonio learners where capacity is available. UT Health San Antonio's Visiting Student policy (Institutional Handbook of Operating Policies (IHOP) 14.2.2) will be followed and an educational or academic affiliation agreement must be finalized prior to placement of a non-UT Health San Antonio learner at a UT Health San Antonio clinical site.

IV. Definitions

There are no defined terms used in this policy.

V. Related References

There are no related documents associated with this policy.

VI. Review and Approval History

A. The approving authority of this policy is the University Executive Committee.

B. The review frequency cycle is set for three years following the last review date, a time period that is not mandated by regulatory, accreditation, or other authority.

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