

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

The HIPAA Privacy Rule regulates the use and disbursement of individually identifiable health information and gives individuals the right to determine and restrict access to their health information. It requires that reasonable and appropriate technical, physical, and administrative safeguards be taken with electronic individually identifiable health information. Specifically, we must ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all electronic protected health information we create, receive, maintain or transmit.

All students enrolled in degree programs at Rocky Vista University must be HIPAA-certified at RVU when entering the Program. The HIPAA training is provided online and information to access training will be provided at Orientation. A score of 80% or better on the online HIPAA training course is a requirement prior to starting clinical rotations at the RVU PA Program. Specific clinical sites may require additional training.

All RVU PA students are required to abide by all rules, regulations, and policies of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Failure to adhere to the mandates of HIPAA may be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

Students are further expressly prohibited from taking photographs or video of patients without proper preceptor and patient consent. Any and all photographs or videos properly obtained are to be used for educational purposes only and shall not be distributed in any fashion, including, but not limited to, email, hard copying, or social media. The improper acquisition, use, or dissemination of any patient photos or videos is considered a significant violation of both HIPAA and program policies and may result in immediate dismissal from the Program.