Feedback for Problem Learners

What is a problem learner?

Problem learners are unable to perform at their potential due to a variety of personal difficulties. These difficulties are categorized as affective, cognitive, structural and/or interpersonal.

Ways of identifying each type of problem learner:

- **Affective** - difficulty adjusting to life events (e.g., death in family, difficult marriage) that manifests as difficulty with memory or motivation

- **Cognitive** - trouble with oral/written communication or integration of knowledge that manifests as poor performance in discussions or exams

- **Structural** - difficulty with time management that manifests as arriving late to clinic or taking too long with patient encounters

- **Interpersonal** - difficulty interacting with others, this ranges from being shy to confrontational

The steps for dealing with a problem learner are summarized in the left hand column under T.I.P.S.

Reference:

Join Us for a Preceptor Workshop!

Who: Current and Future Preceptors (MD, NP, PA and others)
What: Preceptor Boot Camp
When: Thursday, March 22nd from 2:45-5pm
Where: WAPA 2018 Spring Conference
       Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Objectives:
By the end of the session the participants will be able to:
- Give constructive feedback to students.
- Learn to incorporate students into their practice.
- Feel confident in their ability to be a preceptor.

Attendees can register for the workshop at http://www.wapa.org/?page=2018PreceptorBootcamp or as part of the overall WAPA conference registration at http://www.wapa.org/event/WAPA2018SPRING.

For questions, please contact Lauren Trillo at ltrillo@wisc.edu.

Farewell

It is with great sadness that the UW PA Program says farewell to Dr. AJ Capelli who passed away unexpectedly on December 31, 2017. He served as a preceptor for the UW Madison PA Program for more than 15 years.

“Dr. Capelli exceeded every expectation I had.”

He was beloved by his patients as well as his students. A PA graduate from the Class of 2017 stated in his preceptor evaluation that “overall he is an amazing person, a skilled teacher who instills both knowledge and confidence in his students. He stresses the ‘art’ of medicine, while reinforcing the use of evidenced-based medicine.”

He goes on to state, “Dr. Capelli exceeded every expectation I had.”

Once learning of Dr. Capelli’s passing many of his former students took to social media to share their memories of him. One student posted, “He was the most dedicated practitioner and just a kind person overall. He was also so funny, and he made all his patients forget their illness with his humor. He was an amazing father and husband. I don’t know how he did it all.”

Dr. Capelli, thank you for your dedication to medicine, your patients and our students. You truly will be missed.

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