Welcome!

We are pleased to announce the University of Wisconsin-Madison Physician Assistant preceptor newsletter. We hope to improve communication with our preceptor community and provide clinical year updates and useful tools along the way.

Our first newsletter coincides with the beginning of the 2016-2017 clinical year. Our campus and wisPACT students complete 12 months of didactic study and our distance education students complete 24 months of part-time didactic study. All students go on to complete five 2 month clinical rotations in internal medicine, family medicine, emergency medicine, surgery, and an elective.

The preceptor role is an integral part of our program. As always, we thank you for taking the time to educate future PAs!
Preceptor Perks

The UW-Madison Physician Assistant Program offers Category I CME credits to PA Preceptors. If you precepted a UW-Madison PA student from 06/15/15 to 05/13/16 you are eligible to receive:

- 0.5 AAPA Category 1 CME credit for each two (2) weeks of clinical teaching
- Maximum of 10 hours of Category 1 CME credit per clinical year

The work is already done, so do not forget to claim your credits! It is as easy as filling out a quick survey. For more information contact: Lauren Trillo, at ltrillo@wisc.edu.

Deadline for submission is August 1st!

Preceptor Q&A

Quinn Holzheimer, DO, FACEP

Quinn graduated medical school in 2003 from Nova Southeastern University and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of South Florida/Tampa General Hospital in 2006. He currently works as an emergency medicine physician for Madison Emergency Physicians and is a preceptor for the UW-Madison PA Program.

Q: Why did you choose to become a preceptor?

I always enjoyed teaching as an Emergency Medicine Resident, and again as Clinical Faculty in Georgetown before I moved to Madison in 2008. Having done community emergency medicine since, I was pleasantly surprised when the opportunity to teach eager students at UW was presented to me!

I am thankful for the opportunity to teach solid, evidence-based emergency medicine to the UW PA student, and to help train future providers to treat the patient and not just the presentation in the ED.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a preceptor?

What I enjoy most about being a preceptor is instilling in each student how important our job is. There will be a time, in the future, where a current student will be taking care of me or one of my loved ones. I want all of the graduates to be confident in their clinical ability and in their decision-making skills. I want my students to make decisions for their patients backed up by experience, evidence, and a solid thought process. That way, when I am looking up from the gurney as the patient in 5-10 years, I will feel confident in my providers!

I enjoy watching students progress from their first day jitters and uncertainty in emergency medicine to relative confidence in judicious testing, patient education, and medical decision making by the end of their time with me.

Education is life-long but I hope that their time with me and with our group at Madison Emergency Physicians was high-yield and informative!

Clinical Year Corner

By Beverly Speece, MTS, PA-C, Director of Clinical Education

Congratulations to the Class of 2016! And, thank you to our valuable preceptors who make it all possible!

Did you know...

- The class of 2016 completed 280 rotations total with 26% of these rotations in a rural setting.
- Preceptors provided over 45,000 hours of instruction to our PA students during the 2015-2016 clinical year.
- As of June 30th, the PANCE pass rate for the Class of 2016 is 100%. Thank you preceptors for preparing them well!

“...I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from Dr. Holzheimer and believe I will be a better clinician because of it.”

—PA Student from Class of 2016

Feedback? Contact Lauren Trillo, MMS, PA-C at (608) 263-5199 or ltrillo@wisc.edu