Preceptor Tips and Tricks

The Family Medicine Residency Program of Scottsdale, Arizona, surveyed faculty and residents at eight Family Medicine programs. This survey was looking for the most and least important attributes of effective clinical educators. The top five most important attributes found were as follows:

1. Clinical competency
2. Nonjudgmental
3. Role model
4. Enthusiasm
5. Feedback skills


Seeking Opportunity!

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On March 7th, the UW Madison PA Program Class of 2018 hosted the 26th Annual Employment Reception & Health Fair for Allied Health Professionals. This reception took place in the atrium of the Health Sciences Learning Center at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. It is an annual tradition for our didactic year PA students to organize this reception during the spring semester when our clinical year PA students return to campus. Both didactic and clinical year students attend the reception as well as other health care professionals from around Wisconsin. This is a great way for future PAs to explore job opportunities and connect with future employers.

*If you want information on participating in this opportunity next year, contact us at paprogram@wisc.edu.

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Our students are currently on their elective rotation. Students are able to select an elective specialty based on an area of interest or desire for more experience in a specific area. In addition to our four core rotations, students are currently in:

• Oncology  
• Pediatrics  
• Nephrology  
• Plastics  
• Orthopedics  
• Interventional Radiology  
• Obstetrics and Gynecology  
• Integrative Medicine  
• Cardiology  
• Psychiatry  
• Wound Care  
• Trauma Surgery  
• Dermatology  
• Cardiovascular Surgery  
• Allergy Medicine  
• Critical Care  
• Pulmonology  
• Student Health  
• Urology  
• ENT  
• Neurosurgery  
• Urgent Care  
• Sports Medicine  
• Addiction Medicine

Preceptor Q&A

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Jen received her Master of Science in PA Practice from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, IL. Her clinical experience includes family medicine, urgent care and emergency medicine. She is a volunteer instructor for the wisPACT skills lab and serves as the Northern Region Representative for WAPA. She is married to a paramedic and has 2 children, ages 4 and 7.

Q: What challenges do new preceptors face?
A: Aside from getting staff and patients used to having students in their health care setting, I think the biggest challenge is figuring out the learning style of your student. You may have to adjust your teaching style based on each student’s strengths and weaknesses. I also think learning to teach can take some practice. You have to find a workable balance between completing the regular requirements of your workday including meeting the needs of your patients in addition to teaching. But I wouldn’t trade teaching future PAs for anything.

“\You can really tell that Jennifer loves to teach. I feel so fortunate to have had a rotation with her!\”
— PA Student from Class of 2017

Q: What advice would you give a new preceptor?
A: Precepting students is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job. As experienced clinicians we have more to offer students than we may think. There are so many things in medicine that you can’t learn from a book or classroom and being a preceptor not only allows us to share our knowledge but also the art of medicine.

For more information on how to integrate a student into a busy practice or provide effective feedback, check out the Preceptor Resources section of our website:
http://www.fammed.wisc.edu/pa-program/preceptors/resources/

What Do You Think?

You recently received a survey regarding preceptor development.

Please take the time to complete this survey and share any feedback that you may have. We are looking for new and improved ways to educate and connect with our preceptors.

Look out for new preceptor development opportunities in the 2017-2018 Clinical Year!

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