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Welcome to the Preceptor Handbook developed by the Clinical Education Committee of the Physician Assistant Education Association with additions by the Clinical Team from Idaho State University Physician Assistant Program.

Please note, the appendices in this handbook provide valuable resources; from streamlining patient appointments when students are present to conflict resolution. We believe these topics will be beneficial for you and your staff when working with PA students or any other students you may have at your facility. We also believe resources found in the appendices will be helpful for new employees or re-orientation of current staff.

We have provided on page 11 of this handbook the phone numbers and emails of the Idaho State University Clinical Team for the Physician Assistant Program. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have questions, concerns or comments about our program. The Physician Assistant web site http://www.isu.edu/pa/ is a good resource if you would like further information about our program.

We look forward to working with you and your staff as together we prepare Physician Assistant Students to be knowledgeable, skilled, compassionate health care providers.

Sincerely,

Anntara, Vicki, Kent, Kelly, Kerbie, Mary and Rita

Idaho State University Department of Physician Assistant Studies
Introduction

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to you for your hard work and dedication to this program and our physician assistant (PA) students. The clinical experiences the student will obtain in your office, clinic or hospital are of critical importance to a successful learning experience in our program. The clinical setting synthesizes concepts and application of principles for quality health care delivery. You, as a clinical preceptor, are the key to successful learning experiences in the clinical setting. The PA student will work closely with you, learning from your advice and example. Through your supervision, the student will progressively develop the skills and clinical judgment necessary to become a practicing PA. Thank you for your commitment to PA education.

General Goals of the Clinical Year

The clinical year takes students from the theoretical classroom setting to an active, hands-on learning environment to prepare them for a lifetime of continued refinement of skills and expanded knowledge as a practicing PA. To this end, the goals of the clinical year include:

- Apply didactic knowledge to supervised clinical practice
- Develop and sharpen clinical problem-solving skills
- Expand and develop the medical fund of knowledge
- Perfect the art of history taking and physical examination skills
- Sharpen and refine oral presentation and written documentation skills (see documentation limits found on page 8 of this Handbook)
- Develop an understanding of the PA role in health care delivery
- Prepare for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam
- Develop interpersonal skills and professionalism necessary to function as part of a medical team

Physician Assistant Competencies

“The clinical role of PAs includes primary and specialty care in medical and surgical practice settings. Professional competencies for physician assistants include the effective and appropriate application of medical knowledge; interpersonal and communication skills; patient care; professionalism; practice-based learning and improvement; systems-based practice; as well as an unwavering commitment to continual learning, professional growth, and the physician-PA team for the benefit of patients and the larger community being served. These competencies are demonstrated within the scope of practice, whether medical or surgical, for each individual physician assistant as that scope is defined by the supervising physician and appropriate to the practice setting.” (NCCPA)

Definition of the Preceptor Role

Preceptors are an integral part of our teaching program. Preceptors serve as role models and through guidance and teaching will help students perfect skills in history taking, physical examination, effective communication, physical diagnosis, succinct recording and reporting, problem assessment, and plan development including a logical approach to further studies and therapy.
Preceptor Responsibilities

Preceptor responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Orient students at the onset of the rotation with the practice/site policies and procedures and review the expectations and objectives for the rotation
- Provide ongoing and timely feedback regarding clinical performance, knowledge base, and critical thinking skills. This can be done with the student informally each week or at a designated time and can be formally reported to the clinical coordinator by submitting mid-rotation and end-of-rotation evaluations
- Supervise, demonstrate, teach, and observe clinical activities in order to aid in the development of clinical skills and ensure proper patient care
- Delegate to the student increasing levels of responsibility for clinical assessment and management as appropriate to the student’s experience and expertise
- Participate in the evaluation of clinical skills and medical knowledge base through the following mechanisms:
  - Direct supervision, observation, and teaching in the clinical setting
  - Direct evaluation of presentations (including both oral and written)
  - Assignment of outside readings and research to promote further learning
- Dialogue with faculty during site visits to evaluate student progress and assist the learning process
- Evaluate the student’s ability to write appropriate and complete progress notes, histories, physical examinations, assessments, and treatment plans
- Complete and promptly return the evaluation forms provided by the program reflecting on student knowledge and skills as well as their improvement throughout the rotation
- Promptly notify the PA program of any circumstances that might interfere with the accomplishment of the above goals or diminish the overall training experience
- Maintain an ethical approach to the care of patients by serving as a role model for the student
- Demonstrate cultural competency through interactions with patients
- Spend a few minutes each week in a candid summary discussion with the student as to whether each is meeting the other’s needs and expectations, and what changes need to be made in the roles and relationship
- Provide timely feedback to the student and the program regarding student performance

The Preceptor–Student Relationship

The preceptor should maintain a professional relationship with the PA student and at all times adhere to appropriate professional boundaries. Social activities and personal relationships outside of the professional learning environment should be appropriate and carefully selected so as not to put the student or preceptor in a compromising situation. Contact through web-based social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Instagram etc) should be avoided until the student fully matriculates through the educational program or completes the rotation where the supervision is occurring. If the preceptor and student have an existing personal relationship prior to the start of the rotation, a professional relationship must be maintained at all times in the clinical setting. Please consult the clinical coordinator regarding specific school or university policies regarding this issue.
Orientation and Communicating Student Expectations

Orientation of the student to the rotation site serves several purposes. Orientation facilitates a quicker transition in allowing the student to become a member of the medical team. It also establishes a feeling of enthusiasm and belonging to the team as well as helping students develop the functional capability to work more efficiently.

On the first day of the rotation (or when possible, prior to the rotation), the student should take care of any administrative needs, including obtaining a name badge and computer password, and completing any necessary paperwork, EMR training, and additional site-specific HIPAA training, if needed.

Early on in the clinical rotation, it is recommended that the preceptor and student formulate mutual goals in regards to what they hope to achieve during the rotation. The preceptor should also communicate his or her expectations of the student during the rotation. Expectations can include:

- Hours
- Interactions with office and professional staff
- General attendance
- Call schedules
- Overnight/weekend schedules
- Participation during rounds and conferences
- Expectations for clinical care, patient interaction, and procedures
- Oral presentations
- Written documentation
- Assignments
- Write-ups
- Anything additional that the preceptor feels is necessary

Students are expected to communicate with preceptors any special scheduling needs they may have during the rotation — in particular, when they may be out of the clinical setting for either personal reasons or program-required educational activities. If students anticipate missing clinical time for personal reasons, they should alert the clinical coordinator well in advance of the clinic absence.

Many sites find it helpful to create their own written orientation manual, which is given to the student prior to the first day of the rotation. This helps the students quickly become more efficient. Creating such a site-specific orientation/policy manual can be delegated to the students you host, with each “subsequent” student adding to a document that you as the preceptor maintain and edit.
Preparing Staff

All staff, in any setting, (clinic, hospital, office) plays a key role in ensuring that each student has a successful rotation. By helping the student learn about office, clinic, or ward routines and the location of critical resources, they help a student become functional and confident. Students, like their preceptors, depend on staff for patient scheduling and assistance during a patient’s visit. Students should communicate with the staff about procedures for making appointments, retrieving medical records, bringing patients into examination rooms, ordering tests, retrieving test results, and charting.

Preceptors should not assume that receptionists, schedulers, and nursing staff automatically know what role the student will have in a practice. The preceptor should inform the staff about how the student will interact with them and with patients. Consider having a meeting or creating a memo with/for staff in advance of the student’s arrival to discuss:

- Student’s name
- Student’s schedule (when they will be in the office)
- Student’s expected role in patient care
- Expected effect of the student on office operation: Will fewer patients be scheduled? Will the preceptor be busier?
- How patients will be scheduled for the student

Supervision of the PA Student

During a student’s time at the clinic or hospital, the preceptor must be available for supervision, consultation, and teaching, or designate an alternate preceptor. Although the supervising preceptor may not be with a student during every shift, it is important to clearly assign students to another MD, DO, NP or PA-C who will serve as the student’s preceptor for any given time interval. Having more than one clinical preceptor has the potential to disrupt continuity for the student but also offers the advantage of sharing preceptorship duties and exposes students to valuable variations in practice style, which can help learners develop the professional personality that best fits them. In the case where supervision is not available, students may be given an assignment or may spend time with ancillary staff (x-ray, lab, physical therapy, etc.), as these experiences can be very valuable. The preceptor should be aware of the student’s assigned activities at all times.

Students are not employees of the hospitals or clinics and, therefore, work entirely under the preceptor’s supervision. Students are not to substitute for paid clinicians, clerical staff, or other workers at the clinical sites. On each rotation, it is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the supervising physician or preceptor also sees all of the student’s patients. The preceptor can provide direct supervision of technical skills with gradually increased autonomy in accordance with the PA student’s demonstrated level of expertise. However, every patient must be seen and every procedure evaluated prior to patient discharge. The preceptor must document the involvement of the PA student in the care of the patient in all aspects of the visit. The preceptor must also specifically document that the student was supervised during the entirety of the patient visit. Medicare laws are slightly different in terms of what a student is able to document, this is explained further in the
following **Documentation** and **Medicare Policy** sections. The PA student will not be allowed to see, treat, or discharge a patient without evaluation by the preceptor.

**Informed Patient Consent Regarding Student Involvement in Patient Care**

The patients are essential partners in this educational endeavor as well. All efforts will be made to observe strict confidentiality, respect patient privacy and dignity, and honor their preferences regarding treatment. All students complete HIPAA training prior to their clinical year. However, patients must be informed that a physician assistant student will participate in their care, and the patient’s consent must be obtained. This may be done through standardized forms at admission or on a person-by-person basis. The students should be clearly identified as PA student and must also verbally identify themselves as such. If the patient requests a physician and refuses the PA student’s services, the request must be honored. Patients must know that they will see their regular provider, and they should have an explicit opportunity to decline student involvement.

**Documentation**

If allowed by the preceptor and/or facility, PA students may enter information in the medical record. Preceptors should clearly understand how different payers view student notes as related to documentation of services provided for reimbursement purposes. Any questions regarding this issue should be directed to the clinical coordinator. Students are reminded that the medical record is a legal document. All medical entries must be identified as “student” and must include the PA student’s signature with the designation “PA-S.” The preceptor cannot bill for the services of a student. Preceptors are required to document the services they provide as well as review and edit all student documentation. Although student documentation may be limited for reimbursement purposes, students’ notes are legal and are contributory to the medical record. Moreover, writing a succinct note that communicates effectively is a critical skill that PA students should develop. The introduction of EMRs (electronic medical records) presents obstacles for students if they lack a password or are not fully trained in the use of one particular institution’s EMR system. In these cases, students are encouraged to hand-write notes, if simply for the student’s own edification, which should be reviewed by preceptors whenever possible for feedback.

**Medicare Policy**

Medicare reimbursement requires limited student participation in regards to documentation. Students are allowed to document only aspects of the history that include the past medical history, family history, social history, and review of systems. The preceptor must document the History of Present Illness (HPI), Physical Exam (PE), and all medical decision-making for proper billing. Following is a link to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which provides direct access to CMS rules regarding student documentation.

Prescription Writing

Students may transmit prescribing information for the preceptor, but the physician must sign all prescriptions. More specifically, the student's name is not to appear on the prescription. For clinical rotation sites that use electronic prescriptions, the preceptor MUST log into the system under his/her own password and personally sign and send the electronic prescription. These guidelines must not be violated by the student or the preceptor.

Expected Progression of PA student

PA students are trained to take detailed histories, perform physical examinations, give oral presentations of findings, and develop differential diagnoses. As the year continues, they should be able to more effectively come up with an assessment and plan, though this will involve discussion with the preceptor. If the preceptor deems it necessary, students initially may observe patient encounters. However, by the end of the first week, students should actively participate in evaluating patients. As the preceptor feels more comfortable with the student’s skills and abilities, the student should be allowed progressively increasing supervised autonomy.

Student Evaluation

The evaluation is designed to promote communication between preceptor and student. Preceptors are encouraged to discuss strengths and weaknesses so as to encourage students about their strengths as well as provide opportunities to improve upon weaknesses. The evaluation should also reflect on student knowledge and skills as well as their improvement throughout the rotation, and assess progress in comparison to other students at the same level. The preceptor's evaluation of the student is tremendously important. On required rotations (i.e., core rotations required by the specific institution for all students prior to graduation), a passing evaluation from the preceptor is mandatory. If deemed “not passing,” the student may be requested to repeat the rotation or undergo procedures specified by the program. The final grade for a clinical rotation and the decision to pass or fail a student are ultimately made by the program faculty. The program will designate how often evaluations need to be completed.

Preceptors should consider performing brief end-of-rotation evaluations privately with colleagues and staff to get additional insight into the student’s professionalism and effectiveness as a team player with all members of the health care team. These comments are helpful contributions to student evaluations. Additionally, staff feedback may enhance the student experience from one rotation to another and can help to improve efficiency and flow while also maximizing educational opportunities.

After reviewing all materials in the preceptor packet, please feel free to contact a member of the clinical team with any questions.
Feedback to Students

While students may have only one formal evaluation during the clinical rotation, it is imperative that they receive regular positive and constructive feedback on a daily basis from their preceptors to help improve their clinical performance. Please contact the clinical coordinator for specific policies regarding student evaluation.

Student Responsibilities

In addition to adhering to the standards of professional conduct outlined later in the handbook, students are expected to perform the following during their clinical rotations:

- Obtain detailed histories and conduct physical exams, develop a differential diagnosis, formulate an assessment and plan through discussion with the preceptor, give oral presentations, and document findings
- Perform and/or interpret common lab results and diagnostics
- Educate and counsel patients across the lifespan regarding health-related issues
- Attend clinical rotations as scheduled in addition to grand rounds, lectures, and conferences, if available to them
- Demonstrate emotional resilience and stability, adaptability, and flexibility during the clinical year

Standards of Professional Conduct

As health care practitioners, PAs are required to conform to the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct. These include, but are not limited to:

- Respect
- Flexibility
- Academic integrity
- Honesty and trustworthiness
- Accountability
- Cultural competency

PA students are expected to adhere to the same high ethical and professional standards required of certified PAs. The professional conduct of PA students is evaluated on an ongoing basis throughout the professional phase (i.e., the didactic and clinical years) of the program. Violations of standards of conduct are subject to disciplinary actions administered by the university and by the physician assistant program.

If preceptors observe any concerns about a student’s professionalism, please contact the clinical coordinator immediately.
Specific Idaho State University Program Policies

Please refer to the following link www.isu.edu/pa for program-specific policies on the following: If you wish specific information about the clinical year, please go to our Web Site and click over the word PRECEPTOR on the left side of the page, you will be taken to the page that lists Current Clinical Year Guidelines and Policies as one of the headings, click on this heading and you will find information specific to the Clinical Year.

- Workers’ Compensation
- Drugs and alcohol
- Timeliness and lateness
- Needle stick procedure (included on page (17) of Handbook)
- HIPAA training
- Blood-borne pathogens training
- Immunization requirements
- Background check
- Drug testing
- Sexual harassment and assault resources

The following link to the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights (OCR) provides information about federal laws that protect students against racial, sexual, or age discrimination: http://www2.ed.gov/policy/landing.jhtml

The Preceptor–Program Relationship

The success of clinical training of PA students depends on maintaining good communication among the student, the PA program, preceptors, and the clinical coordinator. All members of the team should share contact information.

If a preceptor has a question or concern about a student, they should contact the clinical coordinator. The program strives to maintain open faculty–colleague relationships with its preceptors and believes that, should problems arise during a rotation, by notifying appropriate program personnel early, problems can be solved without unduly burdening the preceptor. In addition, open communication and early problem solving may help to avoid a diminution in the educational experience.

Liability Insurance

Each PA student is fully covered for malpractice insurance by the PA program. Students completing a formal elective rotation with a preceptor or site that may end up becoming an employer must maintain a “student” role in the clinic and should not assume responsibilities of an employee until after matriculation from the program. This includes appropriate, routine supervision with the preceptor of record and within the scope of the agreed-upon clinical experience. This is vital in preserving the professional liability coverage provided by the university and is important to protect both the student and the employer in the case that legal action is sought by a patient. Even more critical is the occasional opportunity, or suggestion, from a potential employer to participate in patient-
care activities outside of the formal rotation assignment prior to graduation. While these opportunities may be attractive and are seemingly benign, they must be avoided at all costs, as the university’s liability coverage does not cover the student in these circumstances.

In addition, if a PA student is working in a paid position in a different health-care related capacity any time during their PA education, that individual is not permitted to assume the role of a PA student while on duty as a paid employee. Even in a shadowing capacity, it is not appropriate for a student to represent themselves or participate in the care of any patient outside of the role for which they are being paid. Liability insurance will not cover any student assuming the “PA student” role outside of an assigned clinical rotation.

Idaho State University Physician Assistant Program-Specific Topics

The following four (4) pages are provided to acquaint you with some of the specifics of our program. For further details about our program or a complete list of Guidelines and Policies please go to our Program’s Web Site http://www.isu.edu/pa. If you wish specific information about the clinical year, please go to our Web Site and click over the word PRECEPTOR on the left side of the page, you will be taken to the page that lists Current Clinical Year guidelines and Policies as one of the headings, click on this heading and you will find information specific to the Clinical Year. Again, thank you for assisting in the education of these future health care providers.

If you have any questions or concerns; please do not hesitate to call any member of the Clinical Team.

208-282-3226 will connect you with the Administrative Assistant who can answer questions, relay concerns and/or suggestions or put you in touch with the most appropriate member of the Clinical Team.

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Clinical Overview of Physician Assistant Studies at Idaho State University

Students are required to participate and pass eight (8) clinical rotations during the second year of the Physician Assistant Program. Each rotation is approximately four (5) weeks. The goals and standards of our program state students must see patients throughout the lifespan in multiple settings. Students must complete and pass rotations in the following areas; OB/GYN (prenatal care and Women’s Health), Outpatient, Inpatient, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry as well as an Elective of their choice.

Students are often precepted by health care providers who see multiple types of patients. For example, a Family Practice setting may provide the student an opportunity to see pediatric patients, outpatients, inpatients, and prenatal patients. As a program, we are required to title each of the rotations; this is not intended to be restrictive regarding the student’s experience.

There is an Academic Week prior to each rotation. One of the purposes of this week is to allow students study time for the End of Rotation Assessment. Additionally, the Academic Week affords students time to travel to their next clinical rotation, study for their next rotation, work on the Master’s (Capstone) Project as well as time to attend to their Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).

**Master’s Project:** during the spring of the clinical year, students are required to complete and pass a Master’s Presentation as part of their graduation requirements. Students typically choose a patient they have encountered during one of their first three (3) rotations. The student develops a SOAP note for their chosen patient and then completes research specific to the diagnosis, pathophysiology, and treatment of their chosen patient. The student presents their project to a committee of two (2) PA faculty members and one (1) graduate faculty representative from Idaho State University. It is possible a student may request a day during their clinic experience to be able to present their Master’s Project.

**Site Visits:** ISU’s Clinical Team makes every effort to visit each PA student twice during the clinical year. The goal is to see the student during the fall semester and again during either the spring or summer semester. We look forward to meeting preceptors during our visits, but realize you have very busy schedules and will make every effort to accommodate your schedule. One of our goals is to ensure, as a preceptor, you know we are available to you as well as the student for any questions or concerns. During our site visit we ask the student tell us about their clinical experience; describing an interesting case or technical skill they feel more confident providing or anything they would like to share about the specific rotation. We also ask about the student’s documentation of patient encounters into our University program as well as their progress on End of Rotation Assessments and their Master’s project.
**Evaluations:** students are graded using a pass/fail scale during the clinical year. Students benefit from regular feedback while on their clinical rotations. We encourage you and the student to meet informally as well as formally to; discuss your expectations, discuss what the student is doing well and what areas are in need of improvement. There is a FINAL EVALUATION that the preceptor is requested to complete. The evaluation may be completed online or using a paper copy. Completion of the Final Evaluation is mandatory for the student to receive a grade for the rotation. We request you discuss your evaluation with the student and submit the evaluation via the e-Value link, FAX or mail the paper copy to our program. The main office FAX number is 208-282-5693 or you may mail completed evaluations to:

**Kelly Bernard, Data Coordinator**  
921 South 8th Avenue Stop 8253  
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As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

**Attendance:** (excerpt from Guidelines and Policies) “students are expected to keep the same clinical hours as their preceptor to a maximum of 80 hours per week. Students are expected to be available for call schedules, evening, weekends (including Sundays), and holidays. Students are expected to be in clinic/hospital a minimum of 40 hours per week. In the emergency Department or Urgent Care setting, students are expected to work a schedule that allows for maximum patient volume and diversity and is approved by the preceptor. The student is expected to call the preceptor or their designee if they are not able to be in the clinical setting for any reason, they are not to leave a voice message, and the student must also contact the University and speak with the Clinical Coordinator or their designee.”

For further information regarding attendance see the Guidelines and Policies located on the Web Site [http://www.isu.edu/pa/](http://www.isu.edu/pa/) or call a member of the Clinical Team with questions or concerns.

**Supervision:** (excerpt from Guidelines and Policies) “appropriate supervision is fundamental to the role of both the student and professional physician assistant. It represents a hallmark of the PA profession and without appropriate supervision the PA cannot legally or ethically provide patient care. The physician assistant student has an obligation to obtain supervision from a person (physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner) qualified and authorized to provide it. The PA student is assigned to clinical settings in which adequate and appropriate supervision is available. In the event a circumstance arises in which a student is asked or expected to perform clinical procedures or to deliver patient care services without adequate or appropriate supervision, the student must politely but firmly decline and immediately contact the PA Program faculty.”

For further information regarding supervision see the Guidelines and Policies located on the Web Site [http://www.isu.edu/pa/](http://www.isu.edu/pa/) or call a member of the Clinical Team with questions or concerns.

**Documentation:** as stated under **Medicare Policy**, Medicare reimbursement requires limited student participation in regards to documentation. Please be sure you know the rule(s) if this affects your practice. [https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/teaching-physicians-fact-sheet-ICN006437.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/teaching-physicians-fact-sheet-ICN006437.pdf)
NeedleStick/Bloodborne Pathogen, Bodily Fluid Exposure Policy:

Purpose: This policy is to provide guidelines for injuries received during a classroom activity, service learning activity clinical rotation, including contaminated needle stick or sharp injury; mucous membrane/non-intact skin exposure to blood or blood containing body fluids, or non-blood bodily fluids.

i. Student should present to Pocatello Family Medicine at 465 Memorial Drive, Pocatello, 83201, or ISU Health Center at 990 Cesar Chavez Avenue, Pocatello, 83209 (ISU’s Preferred Providers) if the exposure incident occurs on or near the Pocatello Campus. No appointment necessary.

ii. Student should present to Unity Health Center at 745 S. Progress Avenue, Meridian, ID, if the exposure incident occurs on our near the Meridian Campus. No appointment necessary.

iii. If the exposure/incident occurs after hours, or not on or near the Pocatello or Meridian Campuses, student should seek treatment at the Clinic/Hospital of their choice.

iv. Note: Be sure to notify provider/clinic/hospital, regardless of location, that this is an occupational injury.

Refer to the CDC Guidelines and Recommendations for Occupational Exposure found at: http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/emergnedl.html  NOTE: These recommendations supersede all other recommendations

iii. Requirements:

1. Dispose of the needle/sharp in a hard sided container to prevent further injury.
2. Wash the site vigorously with soap and water. For mucous membrane exposure, flush with copious amounts of water.
3. Notify Supervisor/Preceptor on site immediately.
4. Seek Medical Care immediately (refer to (i) above)
5. Follow the site/facility policy for injury/incident reporting.
6. DO NOT GIVE YOUR PERSONAL INSURANCE FOR BILLING: Please give them the following: STATE INSURANCE FUND P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720. If you have out of pocket expenses such as Rx or other, please submit receipts to Risk Management and let them know when you contact them.
7. Contact the PA Program by phone- either Didactic Year Contacts or Clinical Year Contacts listed in Moodle. MUST SPEAK TO SOMEONE
8. Contact ISU Risk Management at (208)282-5741 ASAP (within 24 hours if possible)
9. Complete Needle Stick Form in Didactic Year Commons or Clinical Year Commons
10. Follow the site/facility policy for follow-up and treatment of needle stick and/or blood borne exposure.
11. Student’s PA contact to complete Supervisor’s Accident Investigation and Report Form found in the main office of all campuses. White Copy to Risk Management (Campus Stop 8410 in Pocatello), Yellow Copy to Student File

Effective July 1, 2013, Idaho Code §§ 72-102 and 72-205 were modified to change the existing statutes to require a university or college to purchase workers’ compensation coverage for students that fall under the definition of "a work experience student who does not receive wages while participating in the school’s work experience program."

Please refer to Idaho State University Workers Compensation Policy for further information

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Preceptor Development

Tools specific to each of the appendices listed below can be found in the electronic copy of this handbook, which can be accessed on the PAEA website at: www.PAEAnline.org, under Preceptors and also under Faculty Resources.

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   • Feedback in Clinical Medical Education
   • Feedback: An Educational Model for Community-Based Teachers

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E. Developing Expectations
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Appendix A

Integrating the Student into a Busy Practice

The Model “Wave” Schedule
This resource provides an actual time schedule for a preceptor and student to follow; it allows the student to see a sufficient number of patients while also allowing the preceptor to stay on schedule and not fall behind. http://www.aafp.org/fpm/2002/0100/p41.html

Integrating the Learner into the Busy Office Practice
This article outlines five strategies for effectively integrating a student into a busy practice; it helps answer preceptor questions, including “What do I do if I get behind?” and “What measures can help prevent me from getting behind?” http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/fd/monographs/busyoffice.htm

Time-Efficient Preceptors in Ambulatory Care Settings

Appendix B

Evaluation and Teaching Strategies

Evaluation Using the GRADE Strategy
This easy-to-use tool provides five simple tips on how to effectively evaluate PA students.

The One-Minute Preceptor
This resource outlines five “micro skills” essential to clinical teaching.
Feedback and Reflection: Teaching Methods for Clinical Settings

This article describes how to use these two clinical teaching methods effectively.

http://www.uthscsa.edu/gme/documents/FeedbackandReflection.pdf

Characteristics of Effective Clinical Teachers

This study looks at what residents and faculty consider to be the most effective characteristics of clinical preceptors.


Appendix C

Providing Effective Feedback

Getting Beyond “Good Job”: How to Give Effective Feedback

This article outlines why feedback is important, barriers to feedback, and how to give constructive feedback.

http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/127/2/205

Feedback in Clinical Medical Education

This article provides effective guidelines for giving feedback.

http://jama.ama-assn.org/content/250/6/777.full.pdf+html

Feedback: An Educational Model for Community-Based Teachers

This document provides insightful tips on giving feedback, describes differences between feedback and evaluation, addresses barriers to giving feedback, and gives the reader case-based practice scenarios.

http://www.snhahec.org/feedback.cfm
Appendix D
Managing Difficult Learning Situations

Dealing with the Difficult Learning Situation: An Educational Monograph for Community-Based Teachers

These documents outline strategies for both preventing and managing difficult learning situations. http://www.snhahec.org/diffman.cfm

Providing Difficult Feedback: TIPS for the Problem Learner

This article provides an easy-to-use “TIPS” strategy to address difficult learners or learning situations. http://www.uthscsa.edu/gme/documents/ProvidingDifficultFeedback.pdf

Appendix E
Developing Expectations

Setting Expectations: An Educational Monograph for Community-Based Teachers

This document outlines both a timeline and comprehensive ways to develop expectations for both the learner and teacher. http://www.snhahec.org/expectations.cfm

Appendix F
Conflict Resolution

Aspects of Conflict Resolution

This article discusses the causes of conflict, approaches to conflict resolution, and techniques/strategies to resolve conflict effectively.

Bibliography


