Preceptor Responsibilities

Clinical preceptors are expected to conduct themselves in a fair and conscientious manner in accordance with the ethical standards generally recognized with the academic community as well as those of the medical professions they represent. Preceptors are expected to:

- Be a credentialed and licensed practitioner
- Meet scheduled appointments, rounds and clinical teaching opportunities, be available to supervise all activities of student practitioners and approve implementation of all treatment plans (or delegate this responsibility to a licensed practitioner who has such authority)
- Delegate to students, certain defined duties, with appropriate supervision and direction, but **never** use students as substitution for regular staff
- Be available at reasonable times for teaching and evaluation of students
- Perform student evaluations in a timely manner
- Communicate with students regarding clinical performance and provide written mid-rotation and end of rotation evaluations that are fair
- Communicate to students at the beginning of the rotation expectations and standards of evaluation
- Base all academic evaluation upon good faith professional judgment
- Not consider in academic evaluation factors such as race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, handicap, sexual orientation, political or cultural affiliation, lifestyle, activities or behavior outside of the academic setting unrelated to academic and professional achievement
- Respect confidentiality of student academic information
- Not exploit professional relationships with students for private advantage and refrain from soliciting the assistance of students for private purpose in a manner which infringes upon such student's freedom of choice
- Give appropriate recognition to student contributions in clinical activities
- Refrain from any activity which involves risk to the health and safety of a student except with the student's and the program's informed consent
- Respect the dignity of each student individually and all students collectively in all academic contexts