

Point #1: Do you have health care providers who are interested in being preceptors?

A preceptor is:

- a clinically based professional who agrees to work with students in an effort to provide them with opportunities to reinforce their knowledge with clinical experience;
- an individual who teaches, socializes, provides opportunities, sponsors, coaches, guides, protects, advises, counsels, encourages, inspires, challenges, role models, supports and befriends a student;
- a health care provider who engages in face-to-face, short-term relationships with students by sharing knowledge and skills and bridges the gap between theory and practice;
- a role model who helps to socialize students to their discipline and the interprofessional team (Altmann, 2006; Balmer, Serwint, Ruzek, & Giardino, 2008; Licqurish & Seibold, 2008).

