

Preceptor Qualities that Students Perceive as Strengths for Learning

1. Preceptor is accessible (physically and psychologically).
2. Preceptor is organized (physical office, staff, personally).
3. Preceptor is able to explain concepts clearly.
4. Preceptor is able to keep students busy with patient care.
5. Preceptor instills confidence in the student's capabilities.
6. Preceptor shows true interest in patient care, and in teaching and the clinical growth of the student; is invested in the student's education.
7. Preceptor allows the student to provide direct and complete care.
8. Preceptor provides a "safe" learning environment, free from condescension, threat, harassment, disrespectful behavior.
9. Preceptor communicates clear performance expectations, avoids assumptions, and provides an orientation for the student.
10. Preceptor provides meaningful work assignments to challenge and strengthen knowledge/concepts, particularly during down time.