

What is an AHEC Preceptor?

An Area Health Education Center (AHEC) preceptor is a health professional, who in conjunction with an AHEC program, serves as a clinical faculty member for one or more health professional academic programs. By training students in rural and urban areas, AHECs seek to expose students to the needs, challenges and practice opportunities that exist in medically underserved areas.

Benefits to becoming a preceptor

Continuing Education Stipend

CC AHEC offers professional support for health care providers practicing in underserved areas in the District of Columbia. Our goal is to support our clinical preceptors by funding opportunities that enhance clinical skills and help maintain professional certifications.

Up to Date

As a Continuing Education opportunity, CC AHEC provides UpToDate access to all our clinical preceptors! UpToDate is the largest clinical community in the world dedicated to synthesizing knowledge for clinicians and patients. This electronic information resource is available on the Web, desktop, and PDA. It provides comprehensive and current information, keeping you informed of the latest clinical findings to help patients get the best possible care. UpToDate is written by expert physicians in their respective fields with reliable evidence-based information.

Faculty Appointments

Preceptor's contributions are highly valued. As a faculty member, preceptors have access to university resources and are also eligible to earn Category 1 CME credit, which is recognized by many states for licensure purposes.



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Things to expect...

Bi-annual coordinators meeting

As a preceptor, your clinic coordinator will represent you at the bi-annual coordinators meeting hosted every spring and fall. At this meeting, clinic coordinators meet with CC AHEC staff and the partnering academic institution coordinators to discuss challenges, needs and best practices for students and preceptors.

Community engagement activities

Each month CC AHEC hosts or participates in an outreach activity with our partners that facilitate the unique partnership between academic institutions and community-based organizations. Preceptors have the opportunity to speak or present at various CC AHEC sponsored events and host an event with the support of CC AHEC.

Continued facilitation of the Preceptor-Student relationship

CC AHEC is committed to fostering a supportive environment to facilitate the preceptor-student relationship. CC AHEC's clinical coordinator tracks each student and preceptor in the event that either party requests to reconnect. We feel that this relationship is the foundation for identifying best practices in a community setting.

Student Types

MD, PA's, NP's and Nurse Midwifery

Rotation Types

Women's Health, Adult Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Introductory/Observational



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