

Become a Family and Community Medicine
PRECEPTOR



Help educate the doctors of tomorrow, today.

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What does it mean to be a preceptor?

As a preceptor for UAB medical students, you will contribute to the training of the next generation of physicians. Your participation will enable third-year medical students to learn from your clinical practice and empower them to use skills learned in the classroom while caring for patients in the community. Being a UAB preceptor also gives you access to a wealth of resources that will enable you to become a better provider and lead a more effective practice.

Who can be a preceptor?

Any licensed, board-certified family medicine practitioner in the state of Alabama can be a preceptor for our students. There are some restrictions on preceptors that may apply to you depending on your clinic's location and the time you are able to commit to having students.

What is expected of a preceptor each year?

After initial credentialing, we encourage each preceptor to take at least three students per year. Each adjunct faculty member (preceptor) is asked to precept students at their clinic for four weeks of clinical training. The preceptor will be asked to provide two formal evaluations and sign off on the student's clinical diagnosis encounters throughout the student's clinical training period. Preceptors will also be asked to write a summary statement about the student's overall performance upon completion of their training.

Will my staff have to be involved in this process?

Preceptors are welcome to delegate scheduling and other logistical responsibilities to a staff member if needed. Our team does ask that you designate an office contact so that we can keep all communication streamlined and organized.

Will I be paid as a preceptor?

We are currently unable to offer monetary compensation for preceptors, but there are several benefits that preceptors can access during their volunteer faculty appointment. Preceptors will also have the opportunity to earn 20 credits of CME through the AAFP throughout their year of direct teaching of medical students. A full list of benefits offered is included in this packet.

How do I start?

To become a preceptor, fill out the information survey on our website or email Crystal Odom (crystalodom@uabmc.edu). Once we have processed your information, you will be asked to send the following documents to our office:

- Official medical school transcript (must be mailed directly or emailed from medical school)
- Information form (can be filled and submitted electronically via email or mailed)
- Your current CV

Once we receive the documents listed above, we will verify your Alabama medical license and board certification. After these steps are complete, we will send a letter to your office that you must sign to accept your voluntary faculty appointment and consent to a background check. When we receive your cleared background check, you will be appointed as a preceptor.

PRECEPTOR BENEFITS

Learn more about the benefits of being a preceptor:

Family Medicine providers who serve as preceptors for students in the Department of Family and Community Medicine share in the rich tradition of role modeling and mentorship in medical education. This is your opportunity to shape the next generation of physicians, give back to the profession, and serve in the role that many other physicians served in your own medical training. Preceptors are highly valued as they heavily influence a student's choice of family medicine as a career. Serving as a UAB Family Medicine preceptor is a unique and meaningful opportunity for you to act as a role model in a field you are passionate about while also caring for the patients you serve.

Family Medicine providers who serve as a preceptor also receive several benefits above and beyond the intrinsic satisfaction of providing up-to-date learning experiences for our future physicians. These added benefits include the following:

- Ability to participate in a professional network connecting Alabama Family Medicine Practitioners in rural, urban underserved and community settings
- Access to free distance-accessible professional development opportunities
- Access to the Lister Hill Library online resources, including:
 - "UpToDate," a \$559 annual value
 - Total online library resources valued at more than \$65,000 annually
- Access to the Department of Family and Community Medicine interdisciplinary team for consultation, including psychologists, dietitians, physical therapists, and others
- Access to all resources at www.TeachingPhysician.org (ask for login info)
- Brief and practical "Teaching Tips" sent regularly via email
- Access to the UAB Recreation Center at reduced faculty price
- Appreciation gifts and recognition events
- Certificate acknowledging your contribution as a partner in education and preparing UAB Family and Community Medicine students
- Access to ongoing Society for the Teaching of Family Medicine (STFM) projects, including benefits for maintenance of certification (MOC)
- Participation in semi-annual faculty development retreats
- Zoom video access to Grand Rounds (regularly occurring during noon lunch hour), including free Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit

As a preceptor, you will have access to:

20

hours of CME
credits each year

100+

resources in the
Lister Hill Library

12

Professional
development and
leadership calls

I WANT TO BE A PRECEPTOR: NOW WHAT?

Document Collection and Verification

You will be asked to send your medical school transcripts, data verification form, and current CV to our office. Once verified, you will receive confirmation within 3-4 weeks.

Scheduling and Student Matching

Once we receive all of your documents and you are credentialed, you will work with our program coordinator to determine schedule availability for the semester.

Receive Your Benefits

After you successfully complete orientation, all described benefits will be available to you.

Complete Online Preceptor Application

After we receive your completed application, we will reach out to you within 2-3 weeks.

Appointment Letter and Background Check

After we receive your documents, our office will mail your appointment letter and a document that asks for consent to perform a background check. Once you complete your background check, you will be a volunteer faculty member and added to our website.

Training and Student Assessment

You will participate in an orientation session with our medical education director before your students arrive. They will answer all of your questions and prepare you for student evaluations. Evaluations will be completed via MedHub online.

ABOUT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

A recognized leader in clinical care, premedical education and practice-based research, the UAB Department of Family and Community Medicine is home to highly trained faculty and staff who provide clinical, educational, and research activities in family medicine for the entire UAB community.

We are home to numerous research programs and projects like the Alabama Practice-Based Research Network (APBRN) and Comprehensive Urban Underserved and Rural Experience (CU²RE). Through partnerships with organizations like Alabama Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) and other departments, our research propels the state forward in areas of primary care, family medicine, improved patient experience, and physical fitness.

With more than a dozen family medicine and sports medicine faculty members, the Department of Family and Community Medicine provides clinical services that are available for patients of all ages in Birmingham-area clinics.

Learn more at uab.edu/medicine/familymedicine/.

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