

Physician Preceptor Program

General Description

You will be paired with a practicing physician, who will serve as a Preceptor to you throughout your first year of medical school. The goals are very specific, and your PCM 1 *Physician Preceptor* will serve a different role than your *Facilitator*.

You will meet with your preceptor one time in semester one and two times in semester two and share in her/his experience of practicing medicine. It does not matter what specialty you are paired with as long as the preceptor has a clinical practice and can serve the goals of the program listed below:

Required Activities

- 1) See patients in the office or hospital rounds with the Physician Preceptor.
- 2) Begin interviewing patient independently in semester two.
- 3) Utilize this time in a clinical environment to learn more about other professionals who work in the healthcare setting.
- 4) ONE patient interview is strongly encouraged in semester 2, with this interview being presented within your small group setting Mid-March. This patient interview, write-up and oral presentation is excellent practice for the final exams (Combined OSCEs), at the end of the academic year.

Above all, this is your place to practice the skills you are learning in PCM 1. As you learn medical interviewing and history taking, you should be practicing with your Preceptor on real patients. As you learn the physical exam, you should be practicing with your Preceptor. In the second semester, you should complete one medical interview on your Preceptor's patient.

You will similarly spend time during each visit observing non-physician members of the health care team. This may include nursing staff (RN, BSN, LPN, MA), phlebotomy, respiratory therapy, physical/occupational therapy, speech therapy, front desk/unit staff, environmental services, radiology technicians, and many others.

Following the appropriate (inpatient, outpatient, or EM/immediate care) checklist*, you will record your experiences and then upload this checklist to Sakai as documentation of your visit.

Objectives

1. To practice the patient centered care skills learned in PCM 1 such as the medical interview and physical exam
2. To begin to foster the development of time management skills to balance the profession of medicine with one's personal life

3. To observe non-physician members of the healthcare team to enrich your understanding of the interprofessional collaboration that is modern healthcare

Recommendations

- Student and Preceptors should determine the appropriate length of time each session last. We propose a suggested amount of time no shorter than one hour and no longer than three hours (range 1-3 hours)
- The deadlines for uploading these checklists are:
 - Complete 1 Physician Preceptor visit by the Thanksgiving holiday
 - Complete 1 Physician Preceptor visit by Spring Break
 - Complete the final Physician visit by Exam Week in May

Student Requirements

- You are required to meet with your ***Physician Preceptor assigned to you*** once in semester one and twice in semester two.
- You are responsible for initiating contact with your assigned preceptor. The participating physicians will be notified in advance of their assigned medical student and will be expecting your call/page/e-mail, etc.
- **You are responsible for notifying the PCM-1 Course Directors if you are having trouble contacting your preceptor or meeting your requirements *at least four weeks before the requirements are due.***
- All visits need to be documented by uploading a visit checklist* to Sakai.
- Incorporate your experience as part of the “PCM-1 Final Reflection Paper”. Instructions are on the PCM-1 Sakai page, see Educational Resources.

* ***Checklists for the Preceptor and Student Mentor Programs are found on our Sakai site for these programs and can also be located under the “Forms” tab.***

Due to the difficulties involved with M1s acquiring site-appropriate credentialing, mentor/preceptor visits should occur only at Loyola-specific sites – **not Hines.**

MacNeal Hospital requires pre-notification of any visits. Please contact the course coordinator, Diane Stancik (dstanci@luc.edu) for details.

Failure to complete these requirements for the Physician Preceptor Program triggers a Professionalism Concern and/or a Course Failure on your final record for the course.