**Preceptorship Opportunities for University of Colorado Physician Assistant Students**

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**Who can be a preceptor for University of Colorado Physician Assistant (PA) students?**
The preceptor must be a licensed PA, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician – Medicine or Osteopathy. With rotations that occur in certain specialties (i.e., Surgery, OB/GYN, Emergency Medicine), it is ideal to have the precepting Physician be board certified in that area of specialty.

**What are the benefits of precepting?**
Clinical mentoring offers preceptors the opportunity for professional and personal development while educating PA students at various stages of their clinical education. Practicing providers can earn Continuing Medical Education hours and a Clinical Faculty appointment at the University of Colorado, which includes library privileges. One of the best ways to identify a future PA colleague for your practice is to provide clinical preceptorships in your office!

**When in the training do these rotations occur?**
The PA program at the University of Colorado is unique in that it is the only PA program in the nation that has three years of medical training. Clinical rotations are integrated throughout our curriculum. The third year of training is exclusively clinical with 11 one-month rotations occurring between June and April of the academic year. To find out more about the CU Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program, please go to: medschool.ucdenver.edu/papreceptors

**What are students at this level able to do?**
The third year physician assistant student, under the supervision of their preceptor, is able to:
- Take a complete, comprehensive health history
- Perform a physical exam which relates appropriately to the chief complaint
- Make an informed decision about diagnostic and laboratory procedures and appropriately interpret the results with the supervision of the preceptor
- Develop and implement patient management plans
- Provide education and counseling to patients and families regarding health care management and prevention

**What are the general requirements or expectations of a preceptor during the rotation?**
- Provide student orientation to site, policies and procedures
- Provide learning experiences with appropriate patients
- Provide on-going constructive feedback to the student
- Direct students to additional readings and resources on topics seen or discussed
- Engage in open communication with the program about concerns and questions
- Provide evaluation of the student’s performance to the program

**I am interested, where do I sign up, or find out more?**

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