

Nurse-Midwifery Education Program Preceptor General Guidelines

Thank you for considering a preceptorship with the Nurse-Midwifery students from the CU College of Nursing. We greatly appreciate your time and service to our profession, our students, and to the University of Colorado College of Nursing. Most of us have chosen to take students because we believe in the value of our profession, and want to see more practicing midwives in our community, in Colorado, and the United States. Our goal is to provide you with a sufficient amount of knowledge and resources to support your role in midwifery education. Thank you for taking an active role in growing the next generation of midwives.

This document is intended to provide you with general review of the process and fundamentals you can expect when being a preceptor to a student from CU:

- The College of Nursing will provide a letter of student good standing prior to the student beginning clinical rotations.
- Electronic Health Record (E.H.R) requirements, if required by the clinical site, are completed by the student before starting clinical
- Students will contact the preceptor directly to establish clinical rotation dates/times that are most optimal for the preceptor.
- Students should have specific goals for each clinical experience. We encourage you to review and refine those goals with the student as the semester progresses. We encourage students to be proactive in their learning; to complete on-going self-evaluation, and take ownership of their clinical experience.
- Students will share ACNM core competencies they are focusing on during this clinical experience as well as provide a summary of past clinical experiences. Students should complete daily self-evaluations.
- Please ensure the student knows how to contact you in case they need to reach you off-hours; or how to inform you of urgent situations that will cause the student to miss clinical. Likewise, the student should provide you with their contact information, in the event that you need to reach them with a change in schedule.
- Please complete and electronically submit an objective evaluation of the student at midterm and at the close of the clinical rotation. A link to the evaluation will be sent to you in an email.
- If your organization provides opportunities for Interprofessional education or collaboration, we encourage you to include students in those activities.
- If you have questions or concerns about a student and/or clinical expectations/experiences at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me denise.smith@ucdenver.edu
- ACNM has assembled some wonderful resources for preceptors. <http://www.midwife.org/Developing-preceptor-skills>
- New to a preceptorship? There are resources specific for you: <http://www.midwife.org/Getting-Started>
- Do you have expert knowledge in a specific area of the profession and want to share it with several students? We invite you to send us an abstract for consideration in our clinical conferences.

Sincerely,

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