

TEACHING ELECTIVE OR CORE LEARNERS IN BUSY CLINICAL PRACTICE



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TIP SHEET

It is important to provide both elective and core learners with meaningful and rich learning opportunities that are also manageable for you as a clinical teacher. The learner experience should focus on their personal learning objectives and the core elements of the discipline to which you want to expose them.

Preceptor Objectives

- ✓ Share opportunities and challenges to make learner placements a valuable experience.
- ✓ Show how your discipline and practice are socially accountable and adapt to the needs of the communities and populations you serve.
- ✓ Assign meaningful projects to learners during any clinical down time.

Supporting Learners Through the Stages of a Clinical Placement

Before Arrival

- Meet with your team to clarify learning options for the learner and provide the team with the learner's background information.
- Review safety protocols.
- Establish how you will schedule patients to accommodate the learner.

On Arrival

- Provide the learner with an orientation, a dedicated workspace, and the tools they need.
- Establish clear expectations and plan how to meet specific learner and discipline objectives.
- Review the schedule and establish guidelines on how to manage virtual and/or in-person visits.
- Discuss educational activities that will aid the learner. Consider drafting an educational plan or learning contract.

Daily

- Clarify time expectations for patient visits.
- Establish when the learner should touch base with you.
- Debrief at the end of the day to review daily successes, provide feedback, and outline next day's plan.

Weekly

- Select specific patients in your practice best suited to meet the learner's needs and discipline objectives.
- Consider brief weekly check-ins to discuss learner progress and identify new opportunities for learning in upcoming weeks.

End of Placement

- Complete required evaluations and review with the learner prior to their departure.
- Ask learner for feedback on their experience and your teaching.

