

# Preceptor Benefits

UNMC Preceptors are role models, mentors, and teachers. They provide valuable one-on-one, real world experiences to prepare students for their future careers as clinicians and healthcare leaders. The experiences our students have in the clinical settings are a key component in the development of their medical knowledge, diagnostic skills, and professional character.

Noteworthy benefits of precepting to you and your practice:

- UNMC PA students stimulate pursuit of relevant, evidence-based medical care
- UNMC PA students increase patient satisfaction by encouraging in-depth observation and discussion with each patient, fostering communication and a group dynamic
- UNMC PA students often streamline outpatient office flow. Students can obtain a history on one patient while the clinician sees another, allowing clinicians to divide their time efficiently
- UNMC PA student preceptors find professional satisfaction in the investment of knowledge and character development of the next generation of providers
- UNMC PA student preceptors utilize connections made during rotations to facilitate recruitment of future providers

UNMC Physician Assistant Education Program is proud to offer the following preceptor benefits upon request:

## Category I CME Credit (PA Preceptors Only)

- The UNMC Division of PA Education is approved by AAPA to award AAPA Category I CME credit to eligible PA preceptors. This approval is valid from 1/01/2022 – 12/31/2022. This program was planned in accordance with AAPA CME Standards. PAs may earn 2 Category 1 CME credits for per 40-hour week per PA student precepted each calendar year.
- For further details on Category I CME certificates, please contact [Kailee.strawmier@unmc.edu](mailto:Kailee.strawmier@unmc.edu)

## Clinical Teaching Certificate

- All preceptors are eligible to receive a certificate documenting their clinical teaching hours

## UNMC Adjunct Faculty Appointments

- Volunteer Faculty status at UNMC is granted to individuals on a case-by-case basis. Active preceptors that have hosted student rotations for at least 1 year and have committed to at least one 4-week rotation in consecutive years are eligible to apply.
- Adjunct Faculty perks include access to McGoogan Library and its many clinical and research resources, parking, wellness options, security badge/ID

## Interprofessional Academy of Educators

- Additional perks from the Interprofessional Academy of Educators (IAE) are also available. As a community health professions educator, you are critical to the high quality of teaching that UNMC prides itself on. Our goal is to provide valuable resources to help augment your teaching and provide an avenue for you to be involved in educational innovation.

IAE membership allows for additional benefits on top of the ones that other preceptors receive, including:

- Access to educational researchers
- Funding Opportunities

- Sponsored educational programs (archived)
- Infrastructure for collaboration with others with similar interests
- Peer review of educational activities

All Community Preceptors who teach UNMC learners are eligible to join the Academy as long as they satisfy the following requirements:

- Hold a full time, part time, or volunteer faculty appointment
  - Have at least one year of teaching/precepting UNMC learners
  - Ability to devote at least three hours per year to Academy functions
  - Can commit to participating in one educational service project per year
- **Get Help with your Teaching**  
The IAE is your gateway to many helpful educational resources.
    - Access to online preceptor toolkit -designed to provide just-in-time expertise
    - Low-stakes consultation with educational concerns
    - Connections with experts in assessment and teaching modalities such as simulation, e-learning, and active learning strategies
  - **Be Involved in Educational Innovation**
    - Participate in Interest Groups that share your passion. Interest Groups can be found in clinical teaching, instructional methods and assessment, education technology, simulation, science of learning, rural health care education, interprofessional education and wellness in learning environments.
    - Work with IAE members to develop new educational content
    - Pilot educational innovations to enhance the learning experience in the clinical setting
  - For further details or application, please contact [mia.hyde@unmc.edu](mailto:mia.hyde@unmc.edu)

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