

OPERATING ROOM PRECEPTOR ROLE

DEFINITION: A preceptor is an experienced scrub/instrument person who has a specific responsibility to provide learning experiences for students. The preceptor can help to facilitate student learning and role development within the perioperative setting. The role of the preceptor includes primary orientor, teacher, role model, advisor supervisor, resource person, counselor, and evaluator.

1. The preceptor facilitates the primary orientation to the operating room. The initial introduction to the clinical setting, aseptic technique, scrubbing and gowning procedures, and basic set-ups and instrumentation have been done by their program instructor.
2. The preceptor serves as a role model and demonstrates clinical expertise.
3. The preceptor in collaboration with the student, plans the student's experience supervises and teaches the student in the clinical setting.
4. The preceptor serves as an advisor, resource person, counselor, and evaluator in helping to facilitate learning by goal setting and by providing support. A preceptor utilizes good listening skills and provides daily consistent feedback.
5. The preceptor assists with the evaluation of the student performance in the clinical setting and evaluates the student in writing per the program guidelines.
6. The preceptor demonstrates good communication skills, related effectively with the student and other members of the health care team. A preceptor is a good listener.
7. The preceptor relates to program instructor or educator who provides direction as needed or desired.
8. The preceptor assumes responsibility for providing a substitute preceptor in the event of absences