Preceptor Awards

The 2014–2015 preceptor awards were presented at the Gatton College of Pharmacy Awards Ceremony on April 17 at the Blackthorn Club in Jonesborough, Tennessee. The theme of this year’s ceremony was the Roaring 20s.

The preceptor awards are given annually. Recipients of the community and institutional awards are chosen by first-year students and third-year students.

The Class of 2016 presented the Outstanding Hospital Preceptor award to Dr. Dan Gmyrek, Indian Path Medical Center, and Outstanding Community Preceptor award to Dr. Sarah Adams (Class of 2010), Walmart #10-0742.

The Class of 2018 presented the Hospital Preceptor of the Year award to Dr. Dan Gmyrek, Indian Path Medical Center and the Community Preceptor of the Year award to Dr. Joshua Harrison (Class of 2010), Mooney’s Pharmacy, Inc.

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Photos
Top: Dan Gmyrek receives award from P3 Tiffany Ratliff.
Bottom: Joshua Harrison receives award from P1 Dustin Wood.
I learned a tremendous amount about her position by attending meetings, working on projects, and watching her navigate through her ever-changing daily schedule. I was also very impressed with how she always dealt with things in such a positive manner, whether things were good or bad.

Sarah Adams receives award from P3 Tiffany Ratliff.

Collaborative Education Institute
Free Preceptor Development Opportunities with Flexible Educational Activities

Preceptors have free access to the Collaborative Education Institute (CEI). CEI’s Preceptor Teaching Bucket includes a series of online, interactive educational activities which meet ACPE standards for education and professional development of preceptors.

Log-in to Learn (L2L) is CEI’s interactive, online journal club for preceptors and students to review and evaluate a clinical, primary literature article. L2L is part of the Preceptor Teaching Bucket.

To gain access to CEI, follow these steps:

1. Log in to E*Value. (If you have forgotten your login and password, please contact the Office of Experiential Education.)
2. Click on the Learning Modules tile (light blue) at the top of the page.
3. Select “CEI” from the submenu.
4. Follow the prompts to the Preceptor Teaching Bucket on the CEI website.
5. To subscribe to the entire Preceptor Teaching Bucket, click on BUY BUCKET, to subscribe to only one activity, click on the title and then REGISTER.
6. On the payment screen, select “Register for Free”. Then access your activity(ies) within the Profile page.

Preceptor Training & Resource Network

Gatton College of Pharmacy preceptors have access to Pharmacist’s Letter Preceptor Training & Resource Network at no charge.

Many features of Preceptor Training & Resource Network make precepting easier.

The PL Journal Club helps establish regular, highly educational meetings ... without the usual headaches. It is a great APPE tool. The Instructor Key guides the discussion, and the student Handout provides questions and helpful guidance for analyzing the background materials.

Pharmacy 101 is great for your IPPE students. The Preceptor Key and Student Case provide quality, consistent case-based teaching.

The Preceptor Toolbox provides you with everything needed to make precepting more effective and easier, including activity ideas and sample assignments. These are all ready-made for you so you can print and use them as needed, or modify them to meet your specific needs.

To gain access to Preceptor Training & Resource Network, go to www.pharmacistsletter.com/?referer=etsu.edu/prtn. If you already have an ID# set up, you can bookmark the link and log in with your existing ID#. If you do not, you can use the link to register for your ID#.
Preceptor Profile:  Dr. Alan Booker

Dr. Booker is Director of Pharmacy at Takoma Regional Hospital in Greeneville, Tennessee.

She provides an opportunity for students to just “jump in” and not hang out in the shallow end. This rotation has only helped build my confidence and knowledge base.

What made you decide to become a preceptor?

My staff at Takoma Hospital; and I wanted to help support the pharmacy school as it was getting started.

How long have you been precepting?

Since the first class at East Tennessee State University.

What is the most satisfying aspect of precepting students?

Introducing the students to what a hospital pharmacist does. For many of our students, this is their first exposure to hospital pharmacy.

What unique experiences do you offer?

Being a small hospital, pharmacists have to do all aspects of pharmacy. This exposes the students to diverse clinical hands-on experience. Also, since Takoma is part of a large health system (Adventist Health), students are also exposed to pharmacy at a national level.

Can you share some teaching pearls that you have learned over the years?

One thing I do is ask students what they are currently studying and then let them relate that to what we are doing. I also expose them to Joint Commission standards so they can understand why we do some of the things we do.

What advice would you give to preceptors just starting out?

1. That we learn a lot from our students both clinically and socially (what is happening at the school and in the region) keeping us current.
2. Rotations are like month-long job interviews. My last hires have been former students.
3. As Forrest Gump might say, “Students are like a box of chocolates, you never know what you will get.”