

Preceptorship Program Frequently-Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the Preceptorship Program?

The purpose of the Preceptorship Program is to establish a teaching program affiliation between BOP and a college or university; also known as a student internship or externship.

A BOP institution would establish a Preceptorship Program MOU with a college or university to establish a recruitment pipeline. This will help BOP to develop candidates who may be interested in pursuing a career in Correctional Medicine.

What is the student's benefit?

Clinical rotations provide students with the opportunity to put what they have learned in the classroom into practice. Students are eager to sit down with patients and build-professional relationships. Students seek mentors in their chosen profession.

What is the preceptor's benefit?

Many preceptors advise that students keep them sharp and on their toes. Plus, it's a nice change of pace for the patients. Students ask great questions and discussing different cases and conversing about various treatment options facilitates lifelong learning for all. Students are extremely motivated and energetic. Mentors achieve satisfaction by having a student succeed and eventually become a friend or colleague. The results of good mentoring carry forward, as former students continue to contribute even after the preceptor retires.

What health care professions can use the Preceptor MOU?

The Preceptor MOU may be used for nursing, pharmacy, dental, medical, or other health care educational programs.

Many locations in the BOP have coordinated with schools throughout the US to establish successful student clinical rotations

FMC Devens - physician assistants, pharmacy, nurse practitioners, physical therapy, internal medicine, forensic nursing, psychiatry, and dental.

FCI Sheridan - physician assistants.

FCC Butner (Medical Complex) – dental hygienist, pharmacy, physician assistants, physicians, psychiatrists, and nursing to name a few.

Background Investigation

BOP requires a background investigation be completed for each student. Computer access and/or BEMR access may be limited for students. Some BOP locations may not be able to offer this opportunity due to time restraints to establish approval.