UNM COMMUNITY FACULTY
WAYS TO ENGAGE

Under your guidance, students will learn to apply their significant didactic knowledge to become competent and compassionate healthcare providers. Choose your level of involvement from the options below:

☑️ Become a Clinical Preceptor.
UNM PA clinical training is rigorous and integrated across the entire curriculum. Provide a clinical experience for students through:

- Continuity Clinics: local, half-day per week experiences that reinforce knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.
- SCPEs: full-time Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences (SCPEs) throughout the state exposing students to a wide range of medicine.

☑️ Become a Clinical Reasoning Facilitator.
Build your teaching experience while helping PA students through a monthly, four-hour long case-based learning course.

☑️ Become a Guest Lecturer.

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We hope you choose to share your expertise with our students! To share your interest or for more information, please contact:

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The mission of the University of New Mexico Physician Assistant Program is to educate Physician Assistant students to be competent providers of primary care medicine with a special focus on the medically underserved and rural populations of New Mexico.
The UNM Physician Assistant Program is looking for qualified clinical preceptors to invest in the next generation of Physician Assistant students. Precepting is a significant commitment and a rewarding experience.

Your partnership helps strengthen New Mexico healthcare systems and improves the health of our communities.

Our Students.
The UNM PA master’s degree program provides comprehensive education in primary care across the patient lifespan. Seventeen highly qualified students – fewer than 10% of applicants – are admitted each year to our 27-month, year-round program.

Our students are integrated with UNM medical students for their didactic training; attending lectures and labs in the basic sciences, pathophysiology, clinical skills and clinical reasoning. This PA/MD relationship helps build a foundation for future collaborative practice. In addition, the didactic training includes PA-specific courses in pharmacology, geriatrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, dermatology and emergency medicine.

Clinical Sites.
Clinical sites receive qualified, professional students who are eager to learn. The students benefit from clinical experiences in a variety of practice settings including major healthcare organizations, private practices and smaller, rural facilities throughout New Mexico.

Preceptors Pay it Forward.
Clinical preceptors are licensed and certified PAs, MDs, DOs and NPs and are integral to creating successful learning experiences for our students. By providing hands-on experience and real-world patient interactions, preceptors help our students develop the skills, knowledge, clinical judgment, and professionalism necessary to be successful, practicing PAs.

Preceptor Responsibilities.
Preceptors teach, mentor and model professional clinical behavior. As a preceptor, you will teach students about effective communication, physical exams, problem assessment and diagnosis, and treatment plans. You will demonstrate and observe clinical skills, review documentation and serve as a valuable resource for clinical questions and feedback.

Preceptor Time Commitment.
You choose your level of participation. Whether you work with one student annually or a student every four to six weeks, we will work with you to create rotations that are considerate of your schedule.

Preceptor Benefits.
In addition to helping train the next generation of medical professionals, you will:
• Engage with medical knowledge in new ways
• Earn free Category I and II CME
• Access quality student recruits for future positions
• Support and strengthen your profession
• Be eligible for special UNM School of Medicine perks