The nurse practitioner student who will be joining you this semester is in the sixth semester of didactic and second semester of clinical experience. We have outlined our expectations with the student but also want to make sure you are aware of our hopes for the student experience.

The foci of the first semester are on development of skills in:

- Refine the skills of conducting an appropriate history and physical examination with interpretation of findings
- Develop refined skills for both complete H&P as well as targeted H&P for acute or chronic problems
- Refine the ability of giving an organized report of H&P findings
- Apply knowledge in provision of an appropriate physical examination related to the chief complaint
- Select and interpret appropriate evidence based laboratory and diagnostic tests
- Collaborate with other disciplines in providing care and making patient referrals
- Develop and implement an appropriate plan of care for each patient encounter
- Coordinate multiple aspects of health care in the provision of safe and effective practitioner practice
- Apply concepts of health promotion and risk reduction in interactions with patients and families

In this semester the student may routinely interview the patient alone to obtain the history and perform a physical examination. The student would then leave the room and report the findings, the problem and possible plan to you. You and the student may then return together to examine the patient and finalize the plan. By the end of the semester our goal for the student is to obtain an accurate and thorough history, perform an appropriate physical examination, identify a problem and develop differential and final diagnosis with treatment recommendation. Mastery of these skills will be a progression through their clinical experiences.

The student will receive at least one clinical evaluation at your clinical site conducted by a faculty member during the semester. During these visits we do not want to interrupt the normal flow of the clinic. The faculty conducting the site visit will not be involved in the care of the patient; rather we are there to observe the student’s progression in skills and interaction with you and the staff. We also would like to discuss with you any comments or concerns regarding the student or our program. We do ask you to complete an evaluation of the student in the middle and the end of the semester and review this with the student. The student will need to receive the completed evaluation forms from you. Your evaluation of the student progression is important, and is used to determine the student’s final grade. The student will provide you with the evaluation forms.
If you have any questions or concerns, or any problems develop regarding the student, please contact either the student’s assigned faculty member or either of us by email or phone. Your contribution to the student’s learning is greatly appreciated.

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