

Orientation

One of the first responsibilities of the clinical educator is the orientation to the physical facilities of the practicum site. The students need to know:

- ✓ Organization and structure of the facility
- ✓ Types of clients served by the facility
- ✓ Protocols followed at the facility, including dress requirements, hours of work, use of the phone, and other pertinent information
- ✓ Materials and equipment available for use
- ✓ Documents and forms required by the practicum site
- ✓ Introductions to other staff members with an explanation of their roles
- ✓ Requirements for the setting, including in-service training, immunizations or health clearance needed, and presentations to the staff
- ✓ Duties and competencies expected of the student clinician

The student should have a list of expectations for the practicum experience, including what the student hopes to learn at the facility and competencies needing improvement based on previous semesters.