

Questions About Clinician Educator Track

Can I still teach learners but not sign up for the clinician educator track?

Yes, you surely can and we actually encourage this. We know that the track reflects a significant time commitment that is not always appropriate for each provider. If you want to commit to just one half day per week, or maybe you just want to teach in the fall, or the spring, then this is the best option for you. You would still be paid \$75 for each half day of teaching.

I understand the track has been set up to accommodate the large increase of students who will be assigned to DPC beginning in August 2023. Could I join the track, but commit to teaching NP or PA students instead of medical students, since I want to give back to my program that helped to train me.

The answer is yes. A provider can sign up for the track and teach NP or PA students instead of medical students.

I am interested in the clinician educator track, but my plans are a little bit up in the air. There is even a small chance I might leave Duke to take a job elsewhere. Can I still sign up for the track?

Providers who sign up for the track are making a one year commitment when they sign up. It is disruptive if/when a clinician educator leaves a clinic, especially if he/she has students assigned to working with them. We ask that if you have some uncertainty to your career plans, that you not sign up for the track at this point in time.

In my clinic, we have usually shared in the teaching of a learner. My PMD always asks each of us to take at least one half day session per week to teach a learner if we have one for the month. It sounds like the student assignments are going to differ now. Could you explain further?

We are going to have an increase in the number of students who will be rotating through our clinics. We feel that a student will have a better learning experience if he/she can work individually with one provider who can get to know the student well. So we intend to transition to a larger number of individual assignments to providers, and fewer assignments to our groups.

**I like vacations, and intend to keep taking them, even though I love to teach also.
What happens if/when I go on vacation?**

We are asking providers to select a colleague who might "cover" for them in case of illness or vacation. Since this ought not to involve a large number of sessions, the covering provider will not receive remuneration for this coverage. We are anticipating that a reciprocal arrangement can be made so that teaching buddies can cover for each other during absences.

Can an APP teach a medical student?

Absolutely this can happen and we want this to happen. We strongly believe in the importance of interprofessional collaboration. Conversely, we expect our physicians to help teach our NP and PA students.

Does my HCA need to submit documentation at the end of a rotation so that I can be paid?

We encourage our HCA's to report in monthly on the teaching activities that occur in the clinic. We will monitor the reports of work effort, and process the names of individuals who ought to be paid monthly, and we will record the ongoing work of individuals participating in the clinician educator track so that they can be paid at the end of the year, usually in June.