**Student’s Expectation of the Clinical Experience**

According to research, the following are some common expectations voiced by students related to their clinical experience:

**Overall Expectations of the Clinical Experience**

The student wants to:

* Develop professional competence through realistic and relevant experiences
* Develop skills of self-assessment
* Become socialized into the profession
* Develop an understanding of people and patients as individuals
* Develop a network of professional relationships
* Apply knowledge and skill to a variety of patients1

**Expectations of the Clinical Instructor**

The CI will:

* Give a thorough and timely orientation
* Provide plenty of “hands-on” experience
* Supervise the student according to their level of knowledge and skill, aiming the student toward independence
* Show interest in working with students
* Give timely constructive feedback that is done privately in a tactful and non-intimidating manner
* Be shown respect
* Provide an environment that allows the student to feel comfortable asking questions and making suggestions without judgment or bias
* Help the student feel like a valued member of the health care team
* Provide a wide variety of patients and experiences
* Expose the student to as many roles and responsibilities related to health care as possible
* Allow the student to be involved in educational experiences that occur during the experience (e.g. inservices, staff meetings, etc..)
* Provide the student with additional educational information (e.g. handouts, protocols, commonly used exercise programs, etc…) for enrichment and daily use
* Include the student as part of the staff in departmental events2