



## Preceptor Roles and Responsibilities

Although the paramedic student receives extensive classroom and hospital clinical instruction, they must be able to apply all they have learned to real patients in the field. Guidance during the early stages of their careers by experienced paramedic preceptors is **key** to producing quality EMS professionals.

The role of the paramedic preceptor is to:

1. Orient the Intern to pre-hospital policies, procedures, and equipment specific to your service.
2. Review the behavioral expectations with each student as defined by the Field Internship Goals, Objectives, and behaviors as outlined in the Field Internship Evaluation directions.
3. Ensure to the best of your ability the student obtains the experiences necessary to acquire the knowledge, skills, and personal behaviors/attitudes required of an **entry-level practitioner**.
4. Use the Field Internship objectives to guide the student through a structured sequence of experiences which begins with the student functioning primarily as an observer, progresses to participation as a team member, and ends with the Intern acting as a team leader and directing the management of calls.
5. Based on the Intern's clinical experience and skill, provide supervision which is adequate and appropriate to assuring effective and efficient learning.
6. Provide the Intern with feedback and evaluation regarding his/her clinical performance related to the objectives for an **entry-level practitioner**.
7. Provide objective, honest, and complete oral and written evaluations of the student, documenting the learner's progress toward mastery of the Field Internship Objectives and attainment of **entry-level competency**.
9. Advise the EMS Program immediately of any significant problems with Intern knowledge, skills, or personal behaviors/attitudes **that require immediate intervention**.