PRECEPTOR TEACHING CORNER

Introduction

As part of our commitment to our students and our externship sites, our goal at the Chicago College of Optometry at Midwestern University is to provide guidance, support, and resources for our externship preceptors. As part of that effort, we are developing an online resource for current and prospective externship preceptors. Our initial offering is a “Prospective Preceptor” page (see the web address on the adjacent box).

We plan to add additional resources as we grow, but our site currently includes:
- Link to our Course Catalog
- Our current and future Academic Calendars
- More information about the Curriculum offered at CCO
- A link to our Library Resources at Midwestern University

There is also an application form to download if your clinic is not currently an externship site or if you know of a colleague that would potentially foster a great educational experience for Optometry Externs.

We are constantly and continuously building and improving our network. We thank our current sites and look forward to building relationships with more fantastic facilities in the future.

PRECEPTOR CONNECTION

Be Involved

By becoming one of our preceptors, you get a chance to make an impact in our students’ lives by giving them the knowledge they need not only to make a living as an optometrist, but to also love the life they have built as a clinician in the field. This would be a chance to shape the future of our optometric clinicians as well as build your own network of potential associates.

If you are interested in becoming a preceptor for Midwestern University’s Chicago College of Optometry, visit https://www.midwestern.edu/ccopreceptors or contact Dr. Aarlan Aceto, Director of Rotations at Optometry_rotations@midwestern.edu

Visit Our New Preceptor Webpage!

Please take some time to visit our page for more information about our program.

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Midwestern University White Coat Ceremony 2017

Earlier this fall, our inaugural class of optometry students participated in a University-wide White Coat Ceremony. These students, along with over 700 other students from other health disciplines at Midwestern University, were presented with their clinical white coats.

This White Coat ceremony marks an important symbolic step on the journey toward becoming a healthcare professional.

In her address to the students, Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., Midwestern University President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We come together as an entire University for this White Coat celebration. It's the first day that we put a white coat on you and set the expectation that you are starting the journey of becoming a healthcare professional. When we give you a white coat, it represents a commitment to learning the skills you need to care for other people."

As part of the ceremony, students pledged their commitment to uphold the standards of tomorrow’s healthcare team and for their future as health care professionals.

To see other photos from our students and faculty from this event, visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoCollegeOfOptometry/.

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Meet the Faces of Internship

Vanessa Nguyen receiving a white coat from Acting Dean, Joshua Baker, O.D.

Ekta Patel, Elizabeth Land, Taylor Kohlhagen, Khalil Somji, and Ana Ngo reciting the Oath of Commitment for Midwestern University.

Vanessa Nguyen

I'm the Senior Administrative Assistant for the Eye Institute at the Midwestern University Multispecialty Clinic. I graduated from California State University, Northridge with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts with a California Teaching Credential. I have almost 10 years of education experience working with students ranging from kindergarten to college level.

Since starting here, I have seen one of the best teams I have ever worked with whose main priority is to make our students’ clinical experience not only successful, but meaningful. I know that with me as your liaison, we can all work together to educate strong clinicians for our future.