

2022-01-13: Behind the Scenes: Optimizing the Role of the Clerkship Coordinator

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T1 The Guidebook for Clerkship Directors 5th ed has a chapter devoted to this topic written by clerkship coordinators <https://t.co/OhUhdXFjRp> [#MedEdChat](#)



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T1 Having been a clerkship coordinator 15 yrs, I undertook all of the admin work & research while the director handled content & student issues [#MedEdChat](#)



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T2 No matter what it needs to be a full-time position. If block clerkships turn over in a few weeks that is an inordinate amount of work [#MedEdChat](#)



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T2 For longitudinal integrated clerkships, it is still work that would merit a full-time person (perhaps more depending on the number of sites and students) [#MedEdChat](#)



Michelle Madeen [@MadeenMichelle8 hours ago](#)

[@GLBDallaghan](#) Especially if your clerkship coordinator is recruiting preceptors, creating the students' entire year schedule, scheduling every rotation, managing the onboarding, etc. # of students definitely matters. [#MedEdChat](#)



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Amy Stone, Ed.S., Administrative Coordinator for Clerkship Development, University of Kentucky College of Medicine [#MedEdChat](#) T1. Our coordinators largely run the day-to-day operations, scheduling clinical preceptors to work with students, etc.



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[@MedEdChat](#) T2: likely dependent on the complexity of scheduling. [@WSUMedicine](#) our M3/M4 coordinators do a tremendous job w/ placing students with community placements [#respect](#) [#mededchat](#)



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[@Alliance4ClinEd](#) Yup [#mededchat](#)



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[#MedEdChat](#) T2. Ours are Full Time, houses in the clinical depts with varying responsibilities in addition to coordinating



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T1 coordinator can manage rotation schedules, preparing schedules of daily agenda for the teaching and training activities of the rotation, securing physical facilities like teaching space or conference rooms, and with students' evaluations like administrative help



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T3. Quality of coordinator largely impacts students in many ways - assignments completed on time, required activities (location/date accuracy) can impact performance ratings. [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@AmyMurp190250677](#) T3 I think communicating to the students is key with these tasks. Helpful reminders are appreciated by the [#medstudents](#) since they are working so hard to learn clinical medicine [#MedEdChat](#)



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T4. Provide additional resources to help students succeed in that clerkship discipline, advocate for students (to a degree). [#MedEdChat](#)



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T4 Clerkship coordinators can take on national roles in their respective clerkship organization. That national reputation brings attention to local programs willing to invest in their coordinators [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T3 everyone involved in the rotation can impact the quality of student's rotation. Clinical coordinator is no exception. They can guide and be the mentor for students with good study habits, finding resources for them, and even can provide the career counseling [#meded](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) Hi from lurker from [@unmc](#). Seeing this great [#mededchat](#) shows me as a medical librarian that I need to support clerkship coordinators! Thx for showing ne & other [#medlibs](#) an audience for new outreach. Great [#MedEd](#) chat!



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