

Policy: Clinical Preceptor Award

Purpose	To recognize outstanding performance of a clinical preceptor during any level of fieldwork placement. Candidates are nominated by students who believe that his or her clinical preceptor has exceptional clinical teaching abilities.
Policy Statement	Candidates are nominated on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preceptor behaviours: Through his or her behaviours, effectively promotes student critical thinking through role modeling, facilitation, guidance and prioritization.• Practice applications: Uses, demonstrates and teaches current theoretical, research-based and tacit knowledge in response to client/patient needs and intervention planning.• Communication: Ability to impart information, express ideas and give instructions in a clear and effective manner to maintain a positive relationship with the student.• Skills development: Theory and practice can only be properly correlated if the clinical preceptor is actively involved in the learners' practical development by: teaching overall basics and rules; probing the student for supporting evidence on decisions; and reinforcing what is right.• Facilitation and guidance: Facilitates reflection on outcomes of care and guides approach to making decisions while considering multiple perspectives regarding identified issues and problems; models his or her clinical reasoning and initiates meaningful dialogue about professional practice.
Requisites for Nomination	The nominator must be a student at the University of Alberta. The nominee can be located across Canada or internationally. A letter of nomination outlining why the clinical preceptor is being nominated is required from the student. The award is given in cooperation with the University of Alberta.
Award	Letter of Recognition from SAOT President. Announcement on SAOT website and in e-newsletters. Recognition at the annual SAOT AGM.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nomination form obtained from SAOT website and/or student packages provided by the University of Alberta.2. Nominator completes the form, outlining specific areas of strength and skills (no more than 300 words).3. Nominee's contact information is provided including site, address, contact phone number and email address. SAOT membership is provided for an Alberta preceptor who is an occupational therapist.

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Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Signature of nominator(s). 5. Submission of nomination to the Chairperson of the SAOT Awards and Grants Committee by October 1st (by email, fax or mail). 6. Awards and Grants Committee screen and select appropriate candidate(s) within 30 days of the submission deadline. Nominations will be accepted any time during the current academic year with review of all nominations after the October 1st deadline. 7. Upon selection, the Committee submits successful candidates to the SAOT Board for update. 8. The Executive Director informs the successful candidate(s) of their selection prior to the annual AGM. 9. The Executive Director obtains recipient permission in writing to publicize on the SAOT website and in enewsletters.
Approval Level Required for Policy	Board of Directors
Circulation of Documents	SAOT President (president@saot.ca) SAOT Secretary (file@saot.ca) Committee Members
Date Approved	
Approved by	Board of Directors: _____ Authorized Signature: _____ Printed Name and Position

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