Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Graduate Medical Education

Introduction to the Core Principles of Teaching

Introduction to the Core Principles of Teaching is a short, practical faculty development series designed to give educators across the Mount Sinai Health System a foundation in effective clinical teaching. Each module focuses on an evidence-informed strategy that can be applied immediately with students, residents, and fellows in any setting.

Start with the learning environment

Developing a Learning Culture
Create the right level of stress to keep learners engaged, supported, and ready to learn.

Setting Expectations
Build shared goals, clarify expectations, and a psychologically safe learning environment.

Teaching for today's clinical environment

AI On Rounds: A Practical Primer
Explore how responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) can support clinician educators and help create efficient, evidence-informed teaching materials.

Disclosing Medical Error
Develop practical skills to prepare for disclosure conversations, communicate transparently, and support patients, families, and learners.

Make every teaching moment count

Increasing Think Time
Use Wait Time and Question-Pause-Name to increase engagement, deepen clinical reasoning, and broaden participation.

Brief Teaching in the Clinical Environment
Learn the One Minutes Preceptor as a simple, efficient, and effective approach when time is limited.

Retrieval Practice
Turn everyday clinical encounters into learning opportunities that improve long-term retention using low-stakes quizzing, concept mapping, and learner summarization.

Help learners grow

Giving Feedback
Make feedback more meaningful with strategies to guide productive conversations and address concerns.

Enhancing Evaluations
Capture what you observe and turn it into specific, useful written evaluations that help learners improve.

Embracing A Culture Of Error
Support mistakes as a way to make learner thinking visible, normalize uncertainty, strengthen clinical reasoning, and promote psychological safety.

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