Preparing for the Clinical Setting

1. Some of you are still not “APPROVED” in Castle Branch. Please have your problems solved by next week as your clinical faculty will need to see that all areas are approved. Keep on top of this for each semester so that you can print the report that states you are approved and hand it into your faculty on the first day of class or bring it up on your laptop. Contact Castle Branch first and then and Colleen Alcantara at slocombe@fau.edu.
2. Prepare for your first clinical day with the following:
	1. Lab coat and FAU nametag
	2. Copy of the lab syllabus and didactic syllabus for your preceptor
	3. Your CV if you have not already provided it for your preceptor
	4. Preceptor Credentialing and Agreement Form
		1. Fill out as much as you can for them, get their signature and give them a copy
	5. Copy of the Preceptor Evaluation of Student
	6. Pertinent information Form-make enough copies
	7. NP Student Orientation to a New Office-use this as a guide
	8. Clinical resources such as Sanford Guide Clinical Guidelines in Family Practice, 5 Minute Clinical Consult, ePocrates, NP notes and so on.
3. I expect that most of you will be following your preceptors around for the first day. Be assertive and ask to do the exam under their supervision. There should be a gradual increase in your responsibility.
4. Once you get the Preceptor Credentialing/Agreement signed, complete the electronic Clinical Arrangements form. I have provided the link in this course. Use capitals and small letters when completing the form. Select the site and add a preceptor if needed, upload the Preceptor Credentialing/Agreement Form and select your clinical faculty. This will put you into the system and eLogs and your clinical faculty will know that you are in an approved site.
5. Soon after your clinical day, submit the required information into eLogs and don’t get behind. Faculty will take points off from professionalism if these are not completed each week. Go to [www.elogs.org](http://www.elogs.org) and use your FAU ID and as the user name and z number for the password. Read the User Guide and print the E and M codes.
6. Enjoy your first day! You will feel uncomfortable, insecure and wonder why you are doing this….It will all get better with time and practice and you will grow to love the advanced role you have chosen. With a lot of hard work, you will be successful! Good luck. I want to hear all about your first day.