Role of Clinical Educator

The clinical educator plays a vital role in the practicum experience with responsibility for guiding a relatively inexperienced student to becoming a competent professional. Those clinical educators who are willing to provide the amount of time, effort, and energy required of this endeavor are to be commended. They must be willing to have the student make mistakes, use critical thinking skills, and move to independent care of the clients all in one semester. (See Appendix G for suggested tasks of clinical education and Appendix H for success skills for graduate students.)