



Dr. Rajalakshmi Venkatesh was recently recognized as **Outstanding Community Partner** by the **College of Health and Human Services** for consistently providing clinical education in a Women's Health setting.

Dr. Venkatesh has been a valued community partner to the ISU PA program for several years. She has accepted over 40 students since 2013, as well as serving on the PA Advisory Committee.

As a provider with a private practice, Dr. Venkatesh has built a thriving patient following over the years. She not only helps out with the PA program but also the IU med students and NP students from various schools. She is dedicated to student learning but most importantly, she is an advocate for her patients. She is on call 24/7 365 days a year. She recently received her robotics training and certification to improve patient practice and perform minimally invasive hysterectomies. She is always looking for ways to improve for the sake of her patients, and they are her constant focus each day.

Please see some of the comments made by students who have had her as a preceptor:

- *This site was such a great experience. Dr. Venkatesh is definitely a great teacher and just wants to help everyone learn. She is a very tough preceptor and expects a lot from her students which I like because it puts pressure on me to be the best I can be and not slack off. I have learned more at this rotation than I have any other rotation. I went into this rotation with very minimal knowledge about obgyn and now I feel I can effectively treat patients. I would definitely recommend this rotation to others who are willing to put the effort in.*
- *I absolutely loved it here. Staff is so helpful and knowledgeable. You are able to see many things and you are given the opportunity to really work hands on. It is a very immersive experience.*
- *Dr. Venkatesh and her staff were exceptional. Everyone was kind and went out of their way to ensure I was learning and felt a part of the clinical team. Great rotation site. Saw a variety of patients and conditions.*

The time, knowledge, and dedication given by the ISU PA preceptors is invaluable to the PA program, and Dr. Venkatesh is indeed an asset to the PA and CHHS community.

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