Should my expectations change as the student progresses closer to graduation?

While preceptors may naturally have lower expectations during early rotations and higher expectations closer to graduation, it is imperative to have consistent expectations for all students irrespective of the time of year. Not all rotation experiences are expected to assess the same abilities for each student. Due to the student's unique rotation schedule, the student may not have future opportunities to demonstrate or improve abilities which need to be improved prior to graduation. If the student does have future opportunities to demonstrate or improve ability, the student must be aware of his/her current performance in order to improve. Thus, accurate and consistent assessment is essential.