Sample Objectives CE 1

This list of samples is NOT intended to provide a ready-made set of site objectives, but provides a guide for the types of objectives that sites might choose to write.

The student physical therapist will:

Orientation Topics:

1. Sign-off on orientation sheet to the facility including exchange of communication lines (phone, cell phone, email) risk management, safety, professionalism, office hours, and tour during week 1.

2. Discuss his/her own weakness/learning preferences/strengths with the CI during week 1.

3. Take responsibility for his/her own learning by providing the CI with candid on-going feedback about pace and usefulness of CI’s feedback throughout the internship.

4. Provide discussion about prior week and upcoming week’s caseload with the CI by 5:00pm each Friday of the internship.

Inservice/Project, CPI, APTA Student Evaluation: Clinical Experience & Clinical Instruction Form:

5. Select a time and date to meet with the CI for discussion of the midterm CPI and Site/CI evaluation form (Section 2), by the end of week 1, to provide candid feedback about the experience and make constructive recommendations, for the second half of the internship.

6. Independently select 1 observation experience (OT, SLP, surgery, specialty PT) and date to observe by the end of week 2.

7. Identify relevant in-service or project to be completed after discussion with CI by end of week 3.

8. Share the APTA Student Evaluation: Clinical Experience & Clinical Instruction Form with the CI by the end of week 6 and obtain the CI's signature.

Caseload:

9. Independently identify and share the best available evidence to support evidenced-based practice to enhance patient outcomes throughout the internship.

10. Attempt a new patient evaluation performing limited exam skills (interview, ROM, MMT, sensation, reflexes, vitals) with assist as needed from the CI by week 2.

11. Begin to utilize rehab aides/PTAs to assist in interventions during week 3 given minimal cuing from the CI.

12. Carry 25% of a new graduate’s caseload by weeks 3-4 (simple cases).

13. Consult with physicians, insurance companies, case managers, and/or vendors as appropriate during weeks 4-6 of the internship given minimal cuing from CI.

14. Present patients during rounds with CI assist as needed during weeks 4-6.

15. Carry 50% of a new graduate’s caseload by week 6 (simple cases).