

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST STUDENT
EVALUATION:

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
AND
CLINICAL INSTRUCTION**

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PREAMBLE

The purpose of developing this tool was in response to academic and clinical educators' requests to provide a voluntary, consistent and uniform approach for students to evaluate clinical education as well as the overall clinical experience. Questions included in this draft tool were derived from the many existing tools already in use by physical therapy programs for students to evaluate the quality of the clinical learning experience and clinical instructors (CIs), as well as academic preparation for the specific learning experience. The development of this tool was based on key assumptions for the purpose, need for, and intent of this tool. These key assumptions are described in detail below. This tool consists of two sections that can be used together or separately: Section 1-Physical therapist student assessment of the clinical experience and Section 2-Physical therapist student assessment of clinical instruction. Central to the development of this tool was an assumption that students should actively engage in their learning experiences by providing candid feedback, both formative and summative, about the learning experience and with summative feedback offered at both midterm and final evaluations. One of the benefits of completing Section 2 at midterm is to provide the CI and the student with an opportunity to modify the learning experience by making midcourse corrections.

Key Assumptions

- The tool is intended to provide the student's assessment of the quality of the clinical learning experience and the quality of clinical instruction for the specific learning experience.
- The tool allows students to objectively comment on the quality and richness of the learning experience and to provide information that would be helpful to other students, adequacy of their preparation for the specific learning experience, and effectiveness of the clinical educator(s).
- The tool is formatted in Section 2 to allow student feedback to be provided to the CI(s) at both midterm and final evaluations. This will encourage students to share their learning needs and expectations during the clinical experience, thereby allowing for program modification on the part of the CI and the student.
- Sections 1 and 2 are to be returned to the academic program for review at the conclusion of the clinical experience. Section 1 may be made available to future students to acquaint them with the learning experiences at the clinical facility. Section 2 will remain confidential and the academic program will not share this information with other students.
- The tools meet the needs of the physical therapist (PT) and physical therapist assistant (PTA) academic and clinical communities and where appropriate, distinctions are made in the tools to reflect differences in PT scope of practice and PTA scope of work.
- The student evaluation tool should not serve as the sole entity for making judgments about the quality of the clinical learning experience. This tool should be considered as part of a systematic collection of data that might include reflective student journals, self-assessments provided by clinical education sites, Center Coordinators of Clinical Education (CCCEs), and CIs based on the Guidelines for Clinical Education, ongoing communications and site visits, student performance evaluations, student planning worksheets, Clinical Site Information Form (CSIF), program outcomes, and other sources of information.

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES

General Information

Student Name _____

Academic Institution UMass Lowell

Name of Clinical Education Site Performance Physical Therapy

Address 99 4th Street City Chelsea State MA

Clinical Experience Number 1 Clinical Experience Dates 06/19/2018- 08/24/2018

Signatures

I have reviewed information contained in this physical therapist student evaluation of the clinical education experience and of clinical instruction. I recognize that the information below is being collected to facilitate accreditation requirements for clinical instructor qualifications for students supervised in this academic program. I understand that my personal information will not be available to students in our program files.

Student Name (Provide signature) 08/23/2018
Date

Primary Clinical Instructor Name (Print name) 8/23/18
Date

Primary Clinical Instructor Name (Provide signature)

Entry-level PT degree earned Doctorate of PT
Highest degree earned Doctorate Degree area Physical Therapy
Years experience as a CI 1
Years experience as a clinician 6
Areas of expertise Orthopedics, assistive technology
Clinical Certification, specify area Assistive Technology Professional
APTA Credentialed CI Yes No
Other CI Credential _____ State Yes No
Professional organization memberships APTA Other _____

Additional Clinical Instructor Name (Print name) _____
Date

Additional Clinical Instructor Name (Provide signature)

Entry-level PT degree earned _____
Highest degree earned _____ Degree area _____
Years experience as a CI _____
Years experience as a clinician _____
Areas of expertise _____
Clinical Certification, specify area _____
APTA Credentialed CI Yes No
Other CI Credential _____ State Yes No
Professional organization memberships APTA Other _____

SECTION 1: PT STUDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Information found in Section 1 may be available to program faculty and students to familiarize them with the learning experiences at this clinical facility.

1. Name of Clinical Education Site Performance Physical Therapy

Address 99 4th street City Chelsea State MA

2. Clinical Experience Number 1

3. Specify the number of weeks for each applicable clinical experience/rotation.

Acute Care/Inpatient Hospital Facility Yes Private Practice
Yes Ambulatory Care/Outpatient Rehabilitation/Sub-acute Rehabilitation
 ECF/Nursing Home/SNF School/Preschool Program
 Federal/State/County Health Wellness/Prevention/Fitness Program
 Industrial/Occupational Health Facility Other

Orientation

4. Did you receive information from the clinical facility prior to your arrival? Yes No

5. Did the on-site orientation provide you with an awareness of the information and resources that you would need for the experience? Yes No

6. What else could have been provided during the orientation? Nothing. I was provided with a Student Binder with all the necessary information, polo shirt for uniform, and spanish translation binder

Patient/Client Management and the Practice Environment

For questions 7, 8, and 9, use the following 4-point rating scale:

1= Never 2 = Rarely 3 = Occasionally 4 = Often

7. During this clinical experience, describe the frequency of time spent in each of the following areas. Rate all items in the shaded columns using the above 4-point scale.

Diversity Of Case Mix	Rating	Patient Lifespan	Rating	Continuum Of Care	Rating
Musculoskeletal	4	0-12 years	2	Critical care, ICU, Acute	0
Neuromuscular	4	13-21 years	3	SNF/ECF/Sub-acute	0
Cardiopulmonary	2	22-65 years	4	Rehabilitation	4
Integumentary	4	over 65 years	3	Ambulatory/Outpatient	4
Other (GI, GU, Renal, Metabolic, Endocrine)	0			Home Health/Hospice	0
				Wellness/Fitness/Industry	4

8. During this clinical experience, describe the frequency of time spent in providing the following components of care from the patient/client management model of the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice*. Rate all items in the shaded columns using the above 4-point scale.

Components Of Care	Rating	Components Of Care	Rating
Examination		Diagnosis	4
• Screening	4	Prognosis	4
• History taking	4	Plan of Care	4
• Systems review	4	Interventions	4
• Tests and measures	4	Outcomes Assessment	4
Evaluation	4		

9. During this experience, how frequently did staff (ie, CI, CCCE, and clinicians) maintain an environment conducive to professional practice and growth? Rate all items in the shaded columns using the 4-point scale on page 4.

Environment	Rating
Providing a helpful and supportive attitude for your role as a PT student.	4
Providing effective role models for problem solving, communication, and teamwork.	4
Demonstrating high morale and harmonious working relationships.	4
Adhering to ethical codes and legal statutes and standards (eg, Medicare, HIPAA, informed consent, APTA Code of Ethics, etc).	4
Being sensitive to individual differences (ie, race, age, ethnicity, etc).	4
Using evidence to support clinical practice.	4
Being involved in professional development (eg, degree and non-degree continuing education, in-services, journal clubs, etc).	4
Being involved in district, state, regional, and/or national professional activities.	4

10. What suggestions, relative to the items in question #9, could you offer to improve the environment for professional practice and growth? I wouldn't add anything. This clinic made me feel welcomed since day one. They were nothing but respectful to me and every patient that walks into the door. They are a model outpatient clinic and I enjoyed my time here. They reach out to the community with sponsored events and promote the profession.

Clinical Experience

11. Were there other students at this clinical facility during your clinical experience? (Check all that apply):
- Physical therapist students
 - Physical therapist assistant students
 - from other disciplines or service departments (Please specify _____)
12. Identify the ratio of students to CIs for your clinical experience:
- 1 student to 1 CI
 - 1 student to greater than 1 CI
 - 1 CI to greater than 1 student; Describe _____
13. How did the clinical supervision ratio in Question #12 influence your learning experience? My clinical supervision was the perfect ratio to learn. I had the chance to have 1 on 1 experience so it made learning very easy. Jon had the time to work with me everyday and took time to make sure I understood everything he was teaching me. It was the perfect situation and I learned a lot, I could not have had a better situation
14. In addition to patient/client management, what other learning experiences did you participate in during this clinical experience? (Check all that apply)
- Attended in-services/educational programs
 - Presented an in-service
 - Attended special clinics
 - Attended team meetings/conferences/grand rounds
 - Directed and supervised physical therapist assistants and other support personnel
 - Observed surgery
 - Participated in administrative and business practice management
 - Participated in collaborative treatment with other disciplines to provide patient/client care (please specify disciplines) _____
 - Participated in opportunities to provide consultation
 - Participated in service learning
 - Participated in wellness/health promotion/screening programs

- Performed systematic data collection as part of an investigative study
 Other; Please specify _____

15. Please provide any logistical suggestions for this location that may be helpful to students in the future. Include costs, names of resources, housing, food, parking, etc. The clinic is very easy to get to. It is right off the tobin bridge and route 1 so coming from the south shore or north shore it is accessible. It is in a good neighborhood that is surrounded by places for lunch, starbucks and a supermarket. It has free parking in the back parking lot. It was very benefical for me due to how close I lived to the clinic.

Overall Summary Appraisal

16. Overall, how would you assess this clinical experience? (Check only one)

- Excellent clinical learning experience; would not hesitate to recommend this clinical education site to another student.
 Time well spent; would recommend this clinical education site to another student.
 Some good learning experiences; student program needs further development.
 Student clinical education program is not adequately developed at this time.

17. What specific qualities or skills do you believe a physical therapist student should have to function successfully at this clinical education site? Great academic background especially MSPT 1 and 2. Great understanding of modalities and exercises. Time management skills due to this clinic being very busy. However Jon did a great job of making sure I was comfortable before increasing my workload so it was easier to transition.

18. If, during this clinical education experience, you were exposed to content not included in your previous physical therapist academic preparation, describe those subject areas not addressed. The only content I was not prepared for was the spine/back information. This was due to not having learned about the spine/back in school yet. Jon took the time to teach me as much as he could so after a few weeks I was able to work with spine/back patients. It was very helpful and I believe I will be well prepared when we learn this information next semester.

19. What suggestions would you offer to future physical therapist students to improve this clinical education experience? My advice for the future physical therapist students for this clinical site is to be confident and don't be afraid to jump right into it. I learned so much more by working with patients and I believe this contributed to my great clinical experience. Jon always made sure he went over different techinques before a patient arrived so I was prepared for the treatment that day. Everyone at the clinic is so welcoming and is willing to help so don't be shy. This clinic is pretty busy so you will learn a lot and see many different things. I would also suggest telling your CI what you are comfortable with and what you arent so he can work with you. They will also put you with patients that you are comfortable with so you build your confidence. My advice would be to ask as many questions and do as much hands on as you can.

20. What do you believe were the strengths of your physical therapist academic preparation and/or coursework for *this clinical experience*? MS 1 and 2, PT Interventions 1, Neurophys lab, and a mix of other courses during school.

21. What curricular suggestions do you have that would have prepared you better for *this clinical experience*? I felt well prepared for this clinical, the only thing would have been the spine/back content but as I previously stated Jon did a great job teaching me as much as he could.

SECTION 2: PT STUDENT ASSESSMENT OF CLINICAL INSTRUCTION

Information found in this section is to be shared between the student and the clinical instructor(s) at midterm and final evaluations. Additional copies of Section 2 should be made when there are multiple CIs supervising the student. Information contained in Section 2 is confidential and will not be shared by the academic program with other students.

Assessment of Clinical Instruction

22. Using the scale (1 - 5) below, rate how clinical instruction was provided during this clinical experience at both midterm and final evaluations (shaded columns).

1=*Strongly Disagree* 2=*Disagree* 3=*Neutral* 4=*Agree* 5=*Strongly Agree*

Provision of Clinical Instruction	Midterm	Final
The clinical instructor (CI) was familiar with the academic program's objectives and expectations for this experience.	5	5
The clinical education site had written objectives for this learning experience.	5	4
The clinical education site's objectives for this learning experience were clearly communicated.	5	5
There was an opportunity for student input into the objectives for this learning experience.	5	4
The CI provided constructive feedback on student performance.	5	5
The CI provided timely feedback on student performance.	5	5
The CI demonstrated skill in active listening.	5	5
The CI provided clear and concise communication.	5	5
The CI communicated in an open and non-threatening manner.	5	5
The CI taught in an interactive manner that encouraged problem solving.	5	5
There was a clear understanding to whom you were directly responsible and accountable.	5	5
The supervising CI was accessible when needed.	5	5
The CI clearly explained your student responsibilities.	5	5
The CI provided responsibilities that were within your scope of knowledge and skills.	5	5
The CI facilitated patient-therapist and therapist-student relationships.	5	5
Time was available with the CI to discuss patient/client management.	5	5
The CI served as a positive role model in physical therapy practice.	5	5
The CI skillfully used the clinical environment for planned and unplanned learning experiences.	5	5
The CI integrated knowledge of various learning styles into student clinical teaching.	5	5
The CI made the formal evaluation process constructive.	5	5
The CI encouraged the student to self-assess.	5	5

23. Was your CI'(s) evaluation of your level of performance in agreement with your self-assessment?

Midterm Evaluation Yes No Final Evaluation Yes No

24. If there were inconsistencies, how were they discussed and managed?

Midterm Evaluation The only inconsistencies were that Jon rated me much higher than I rated myself on the midterm. We discussed the differences and I think it was me not trying to be too overconfident with myself.

Final Evaluation There were none

25. What did your CI(s) do well to contribute to your learning?

Midterm Comments Jon always took the time to discuss anything I needed. He made sure to put aside time everyday to work on my clinical skills. He always made sure to put me in situations that I felt comfortable and never made me feel overwhelmed. We had great communication and relationship. He was very easy to get along with and was very respectful. He gave constructive criticism in a positive way so that I can learn and get better everyday. We made weekly goals and he took time to make sure I achieved every goal possible. I could not have been put in a better situation for my first clinical experience.

Final Comments This was the same as midterm and throughout clinical. The only difference was as I got more comfortable with the clinic Jon progressed my caseload. He progressed it as I felt confident and never put me in a situation that I could fail.

26. What, if anything, could your CI(s) and/or other staff have done differently to contribute to your learning?

Midterm Comments They were great. It was the perfect situation

Final Comments They were great. It was the perfect situation

Thank you for sharing and discussing candid feedback with your CI(s) so that any necessary midcourse corrections can be made to modify and further enhance your learning experience.