



TIMELINE FOR 4-WEEK CLINICAL

WEEK 1

- Day 1 – Day 3 : observe, develop radar for initiating patient interaction
- Day 4 – Day 5 : continue observation
 - begin to explore underlying clinical reasoning
 - begin to document elements of treatment session (subjective-only, for example)

WEEK 2 : initiate patient interaction and hands-on participation

- **CLINICAL REASONING PROGRESSION** - Increase participation in clinical reasoning discussions, with goal to do the following by the end of the week :
 - Plan (and perform) patient interaction questions to assess patient status at beginning of treatment session (unique to specific patient)
 - Propose treatment session “agenda” (what will be done w/ pt. during full tx time)
- **COMMUNICATION PROGRESSION**
 - Observe PT/PTA communication
 - Participate in pre-treatment patient interaction
 - Participate in patient education
 - Perform documentation of treatments observed, using SOAP format
- **TREATMENT PROGRESSION** - Increase participation in treatment sessions, with goal to do the following by the end of the week :
 - Initiate treatment session(s) with previously-observed patient(s)
 - Perform portions of patient treatment(s) with previously-observed patient(s)

WEEK 3 : progress patient interaction and hands-on treatment

- **CLINICAL REASONING** - Increase participation in clinical reasoning discussions, with goal to do the following by the end of the week :
 - Propose “new” treatment techniques for identified patients, to either vary current regimen or progress specific activity
 - Participate in a “first day” treatment planning, for newly-evaluated patient
- **COMMUNICATION PROGRESSION**
 - With guidance, identify and perform PT/PTA communication
 - Perform patient education over topics previously observed
 - With feedback, perform documentation of a full day’s-worth of treatments that student observed/participated in
- **TREATMENT PROGRESSION** - Increase participation in treatment sessions, with goal to do the following by the end of the week :
 - Be “lead clinician” for at least one patient per day
 - The SPTA treats patient for majority of session, including initiating treatment



TIMELINE FOR 4-WEEK CLINICAL, cont.

WEEK 4 : continue progressing patient interaction and hands-on treatment

- **CLINICAL REASONING** - Increase participation in clinical reasoning discussions, with goal to do the following by the end of the week :
 - Propose “new” treatment techniques for identified patients, to either vary current regimen or progress specific activity
 - Participate in a “first day” treatment planning, for newly-evaluated patient
 - Prep “hand-off” communication for clinician(s) who will take over patient care
- **COMMUNICATION PROGRESSION**
 - Perform PT/PTA communication
 - Perform patient education over topic previously observed
 - Perform documentation of a full day’s-worth of treatments that student observed/participated in
- **TREATMENT PROGRESSION** - Increase participation in treatment sessions, with goal to do the following by the end of the week :
 - Be “lead clinician” for all familiar patients on caseload (CI is “technician”)
 - Be sole clinician for 50% of a full caseload