

Welcome to Erlanger!

Physical Therapy Student Clinical Weekly Objectives

12-15 Week Rotation

Week 1:

- Attend orientation, meet clinical instructor and clinical coordinator
- Determine work hours, days, and exchange contact information
- Tour facility
- Discuss student goals and preferred patient population, as well as preferred learning style
- Observe clinical instructor performing patient care and documentation
- Obtain EPIC access and tailor preferences
- Identify patients' lines, tubes, and drains. Compile a list of those you need to study further

Week 2:

- Continue observation of clinical instructor; begin performing physical assistance with patient care
- Begin chart review process and history gathering
- Discuss patient's performance and discharge recommendations including equipment
- Assign 1-2 simple patient cases per day and begin treating with direct supervision
- Write notes for those assigned patients
- Review treatment plans with clinical instructor prior to entering patient care area
- Recap session with clinical instructor after exiting patient care area
- Attend departmental meetings and in-services as scheduled
- Identify patients' lines, tubes, and drains and verbalize their purpose and function to your clinical instructor

Week 3:

- Carry 25% of full PT caseload
- Increase independence for assigned patients
- Create and distribute home exercise programs as indicated
- Observe treatment in another discipline
- Discuss patient's performance and discharge recommendations including equipment
- Attend departmental meetings and in-services as scheduled

Week 4:

- Carry ~50% of full PT caseload
- Increase independence for assigned patients
- Increase involvement with patient/caregiver education, tailoring education to learners' learning style
- Discuss patient's performance and discharge recommendations including equipment with less prompting or assistance
- Consistently gather 100% of history, PLOF, and subjective information with no prompting or assistance
- Initiate discussions with OT/SLP for co-treatment when appropriate
- Attend departmental meetings and in-services as scheduled

Week 5-6:

- Carry 50-75% of full PT caseload
- Collaborate with clinical instructor for medically complex evaluations/treatments
- Initiate discussions with providers (MD, DO, NP, PA) with patient presentation and progress

- Attend (and participate in, if applicable) multidisciplinary discharge planning meetings
- Attend departmental meetings and in-services as scheduled
- Prepare for mid-term evaluation
- Review personal goals and update as necessary

Week 7-8:

- Carry 75%+ of full PT caseload
- Participate regularly in discussions with providers (MD, DO, NP, PA) with patient presentation and progress
- Attend and participate in departmental meetings and in-services as scheduled

Week 9-11:

- Carry 75-100% new grad PT caseload
- Develop and personalize documentation streamline processes such as smart phrases, templates
- Advocate for other disciplines when patients require other services
- Initiate discussions with OT/SLP for co-treatment when appropriate

Weeks 12-15:

- Carry 100% new grad PT caseload
- Complete evaluations and treatments with only occasional feedback from clinical instructor
- Initiate discussions with OT/SLP/CM when appropriate
- Participate in multidisciplinary discharge meetings
- Present in-service or project as applicable



- Attend surgery observation
- Attend and participate in departmental meetings and in-services as scheduled
- Prepare for, then complete, final evaluation
- Exit interview with clinical coordinator