Physical therapist student perceptions of clinical site visits

Survey directions:

The purpose of this survey is to gain information about physical therapist student perceptions about the clinical site visit process. Please answer the following questions honestly and to the best of your ability:

Q1 Sex

* Male
* Female

Q2 Race

* White
* Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
* Black or African American
* Asian
* American Indian or Alaska Native
* Middle Eastern or North African
* Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
* Other(Text box)

Q3 Age—

* Text box

Q4 How many years of the physical therapy curriculum have you fully completed?

* Less than one year
* One year
* Two years
* Three years or more

Clinical education experiences, which may also be known as clinical internships, are those that allow students to apply and attain professional knowledge, skills, and behaviors within a variety of practice settings. ﻿Clinical education experiences are a part of the professional curriculum and include formal student assessment.

The remaining questions in this survey refer to those full-time clinical experiences in which a student engages for a minimum of 35 hours per week.

Q5 How many full time clinical educational experiences have you completed? \_\_\_\_

A clinical site visit is defined as when a representative from the academic faculty engages in dialogue with the student and clinical instructor, typically around the time of the middle of the clinical education experience. This dialogue may occur in person, by phone, or by use of some form of technology such as videoconferencing, Skype, or FaceTime.

Q6 Have you participated in any clinical site visits?

* Yes
* No

IF NO SURVEY WILL END

Q7 How many site visits have you participated in? \_\_\_ (text entry)

Please answer the following questions relating only to your **most recent site visit** and the clinical educational experience **associated with that site visit**.

Q8 For which clinical experience did you have this site visit?

* First clinical experience (returned to academic institution at completion of clinical experience for didactic work)
* Intermediate clinical experience (not first internship, returned to academic institution at end of clinical experience to complete didactic work)
* Final clinical experience (completed all didactic work- no return to academic institution after clinical experience)
* Other (text entry)

Q9 What was the clinical setting you were practicing in?

* Inpatient- Acute care
* Inpatient-Acute rehab
* Inpatient- Skilled nursing facility/subacute rehab
* Outpatient- orthopedics
* Outpatient- other (text box)
* Pediatrics
* Other (text box)

Q10 What was the length (i.e. number of weeks) for this clinical education experience?

(Text entry)

Q11 Did you experience any difficulties during this clinical education experience?

* Yes
* No

Please elaborate (optional)

Q12 Which of the following was the methods of communication was used?

* Onsite/in-person visit
* Telephone call
* Use of other technology (Videoconferencing, Skype, FaceTime, etc.)

The following questions refer to your perceptions of clinical site visits in general and are not limited to your most recent site visit.

Q13 How important is the clinical site visit in evaluating physical therapist student clinical performance?

* Extremely Important
* Important
* Neither Important nor Unimportant
* Not very important
* Not at all Important

Q14 How important is the clinical site visit in evaluating the effectiveness of clinical instructors of DPT students?

* Extremely Important
* Important
* Neither Important nor Unimportant
* Not very important
* Not at all important

Q15 Please rank the effectiveness of each communication method for the clinical site visit

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very Effective  | Effective  | Neither effective or ineffective | Somewhat ineffective  | Not at all effective  |
| Onsite/face to face visit  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone call  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of other technology (iPad, Skype, FaceTime, etc.)  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q 16 Please elaborate on your rationale/reasons for choosing the above rankings

Q17 During the clinical site visit, how important is it for the faculty member to address each of the issues below pertaining to the overall learning experience?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Extremely Important  | Important  | Neither Important nor Unimportant  | Unimportant  | Not at all Important  |
| Verify competency level of student  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verify resources at site are conducive to learning  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Verify patients found at site are suitable to meet course objectives  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Observe student- CI interactions and preceptor teaching methods  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Observe student assessing a patient in the site  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Answer Clinical Instructor questions  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Give support to the clinical instructor in the clinical instructor role  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q18 Is there anything else you feel is important for the faculty member to address during the clinical site visit OR are there any other purposes of the site visit not listed above? Please explain (Text box here)

Q19 During the site visit, how important is the level of interaction **between the clinical faculty member and the student?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Extremely Important  | Very Important  | Neither Important nor Unimportant  | Unimportant  | Not at all Important  |
| Meet with student privately  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exchange information about student performance/areas needing improvement privately  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exchange information about student performance/areas needing improvement with the Clinical Instructor present  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Q20 Is there anything else you would like to add about faculty and student interaction during the site visit?

Q21 What would be your preference for future site visits from academic faculty?

* Onsite/face to face visit
* Telephone call
* Use of other technology (videoconference, Skype, FaceTime, etc.)
* No site visit

Q22 Please provide rationale for your answer above (text)