Pinnacle Health System Occupational Therapy Department Field Trip Options

Students who are progressing well in their fieldwork may be offered the chance to do a field trip option to enhance their fieldwork experience. In most cases this should be offered in the second half of the fieldwork after the mid-term evaluation.

The field trip should be discussed with the supervisor to ensure that the experience relates to the student's current fieldwork area or to an area of occupational therapy that the student shows an interest in. The field trip should be scheduled so that it doesn't interfere with patient/client treatment.

Suggestions:

- Observation in another occupational therapy department within the Pinnacle Health System
- Observation of occupational therapy at another facility that correlates to the student's current fieldwork area
- Observation of surgery related to the fieldwork area (i.e. orthopedic surgery for acute medical and rehab students)
- Attendance at a course (at the student's expense)

Students should be prepared to share their experience with their supervisor and others in their department after their trip. At the supervisor's discretion, a short paper may be written describing the experience and how it will impact their occupational therapy practice in the future.

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