PTA Clinical Journaling Sample Questions

Describe at least two ways you were successful in the clinic this week. What personal characteristics/strengths helped you be successful?

Describe a time when you educated a patient or caregiver. How do you know if your education was effective? How could you improve the education you provided?

What insights about your strengths and areas for improvement did you gain from this clinical rotation? What changes did you make during this course that will affect how you approach future academic classes? What areas do you want to continue to focus on during the next clinical?

Describe an experience you had during clinical in which you saw yourself transitioning from a student to a professional. Specifically address how you developed as a reflective individual, effective communicator or change agent as a result of this experience. Explain what happened and what you learned.

**Journal Grading Rubric**

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|  | **Full Credit**  **8 points** | **Partial Credit**  **4-7 points** | **Minimal/No Credit**  **0-3 points** |
| **Completeness** | All components of each question are addressed | Some questions are only partly addressed (ex: answered “what” but not “why”) | Most questions are not answered completely/at all |
| **Thoughtfulness** | Detailed answer with specific examples provided that relate to the question. Student could use the answer next year to recall details of the clinical experience. | Thought evident  Details missing  Few/no specific examples included | Answer off topic, does not relate to question  Thought lacking  Answers generic, without detail |