Suggested Level II Fieldwork Student Assignments

It is recommended that each supervisor review this list and choose several that would be especially helpful for students in that particular treatment setting. Supervisors may choose to make some assignments mandatory for each student. An approach that helps to individualize the program and meet specific student needs is to have some mandatory assignments and then have the students choose a specific number of other assignments that he/she will benefit from. For example, a student who is having difficulty seeing the “big picture” may benefit from a case study assignment. A student weak in finding relevant information may benefit from completing chart reviews.

*The following list is not mandatory nor is it all inclusive. It is meant to be a springboard for ideas to increase student learning.

Examples of student assignments:

1. Literature review, including evidenced-based practice relevant to the site, with oral report to OT staff.
2. Treatment plans on all assigned patients until student demonstrates competency.
3. Chart review.
4. Fabricate splints.
5. Design and construct a piece of adaptive equipment/game for the department.
6. Develop a group protocol and implement group.
7. Develop a new form for the department.
8. Develop a new handout for the department.
9. Case study (oral, written, or both) and accompany patient to various therapies to get the “big picture”.
10. Visit another type of facility offering OT in the area; or, if in acute, view long-term care, etc…
11. Activity analysis. Do not assign this one just to have the student do an assignment. Completing an activity analysis is especially helpful to the student who is having difficulty choosing appropriate activities for assigned patients.
12. Activity analysis that is also completed in conjunction with an activity or game the student designs for the department.
15. Conduct an inservice.
16. Provide a list of team members that the student must contact for orientation.
17. Develop a “scavenger hunt” of the facility, department, etc.. useful for future students.