

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Nursing and Allied Health
Physical Therapy Program

GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

A special project may be done in place of an in-service or a case presentation with prior approval of the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education, the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education and the Clinical Instructor. The completion of a special project is recommended for students on their third clinical assignment and may be required for some other clinical internships.

A special project is an identifiable contribution the student makes to the facility that remains after the student finishes the clinical experience. The project can take any form mutually agreed upon by the CI and the student. The project must be evaluated by and presented to the clinical site. Some sample ideas are:

1. Evidence Based Patient Home Programs
2. Flow Sheets
3. Slide Presentations/CD-ROM/DVD
4. Evaluation Form
5. Videotapes/CD-ROM/DVD for Patient/Client Education
6. Other Patient education materials such as booklet(s).
7. Marketing tools such as brochures
8. Files of journal articles with evidence-based protocols

Objectives for the Special Project

At the completion of the project, the student physical therapist will:

- A. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the clinical site.
- B. Demonstrate skills in library research and organization pertinent to the project.
- C. Utilize team communication by using other members of the health care team as resources for the project.
- D. Demonstrate independent thinking by choosing the project, developing it, and carrying out the project.
- E. Present the special project to the clinical facility in an organized, professional manner using good communication skills.
- F. Encourage discussion by responding to the questions and comments of the audience.
- G. Reflect on the work by accepting feedback related to the effort.

The student physical therapist will submit a copy of the project with a cover sheet that includes the following information:

- A. Title of the project
- B. Purpose of the project
- C. Objectives(s) of the project
- D. Description of the project
- E. Presentation of the project (details about the presentation including date, names of those present, outline of presentation)
- F. Evaluation of the project
 - a. Student assessment of project
 - b. Department (CI, CCCE, other professionals evaluation)