

PCM 2 Pediatric Shadowing Reflection Paper

Requirement:

Second year students who participated in the Pediatric Shadow experience are expected to turn in to submit (**via the student portfolio**) to Dr. Boyle, a brief (1-2 page double spaced would be sufficient) reflection of their individual experience. This paper is written and completed within **two weeks** after your Peds Experience when your thoughts are fresh and experiences are still meaningful. Final deadline for reflection is **April 3, 2012**. Dr. Boyle will review each submission.

Dealing with child healthcare is very different than adults. If you **never** had any experience to children in a healthcare setting, you need to fulfill the Pediatric Shadowing requirement. The 2 hour experience is only intended to give you a glimpse of just how different child healthcare is.

Some of the questions you may consider reflecting on in the paper include but are not limited to:

Personal Development Questions:

1. Whom did you encounter in this activity? What did you learn from this person or about this person? (Pediatrician, child or family member)
2. What surprised you?
3. What touched you?
4. What inspired you?
5. What part of this encounter came easily to you? What not so easily?

This is not a research paper. You are not expected to find sources or references. You are expected to reflect on your thoughts around actual patient encounters and to write those down.

If you have had any prior exposure to child healthcare (shadowing experience, peds mentor, internship, etc.) the shadowing experience will not add value to your base knowledge. In this case, you may opt out of the Pediatric Shadowing requirement.

Students who desire to opt out must complete a one to two paragraph summary of their prior Pediatric experience by **August 5, 2011**, and submit this **via email** to Dr. Boyle. Dr. Boyle will read this summary of experience and decide whether or not to allow the student to opt out of this requirement. If you are able to opt out, you would not have to attend the pediatric shadowing session, but we would still like you to submit a brief reflection through the student portfolio.