Letter to Eugene Physical Therapy Residents

I completed my final physical therapy rotation(residency) at Eugene Physical Therapy(EPT) January through March 2016. I traveled halfway across the country from La Crosse, WI. This residency is not for the faint of heart.

During the interview process, I was told a story about a master blacksmith forging a piece of metal into a sword. Every day, the blacksmith would throw the metal into the fire and shape it to his liking until one day emerged a bright shining sword ready to take on any challenge. This story perfectly defines my clinical experience at Eugene PT. My manual therapy techniques have been fine-tuned, and my clinical reasoning has been challenged more than I ever thought possible.

Structured mentorship is available throughout the day to reflect on patient cases and practice techniques. There are also structured educational modules to be completed outside of the clinical practice.

I have shadowed and worked as a student in several PT clinics. EPT is hands-down the best clinic I have seen. The high-quality care, eclectic approach, team dynamics and professional behavior puts it at the top. EPT is a well respected clinic in the community as they provide superior results in a short period of time.

One of my former CI's told me that every student goes into a rotation with a burning flame. Depending on the CI and clinical setting either dirt or gasoline can be thrown on the fire. EPT has poured on enough gasoline to keep my fire burning for a lifetime.

Thanks to EPT, I am fully confident to practice as a PT upon graduation and take on any challenge that walks through my door.

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