

ANECDOTAL NOTE EXEMPLAR

An anecdotal note is a description of student performance. Anecdotal notes should be written about performance that is meeting the course goals, as well as performance that indicates deficiencies in learning.

An anecdotal note should include:

- Date of the observation
- Student name
- Setting of the observation
- Record of student actions with an objective
- A detailed description of the observed performance
- Faculty signature

Notes should be shared with students as frequently as possible.

The following is an example of an anecdotal note that a clinical instructor would document about student progress.

Date: February 14, 20XX Student: John Smith

Objective: To provide organized care that promotes client well being

During a clinical placement on the medical unit,, John Smith was observed to be late and disorganized. The disorganization continued throughout the clinical day with the student making several trips back and forth to the nursing supply centre and to patient rooms when one trip would have sufficed. Medications were given, but in a flustered manner, because John was behind schedule for medication administration. John recognized his lateness as a factor in his disorganization; states he will be on time for next shift.

Instructor Signature & Date _____