Criteria for Evaluating Clinical Practice (Lietz, 2005)	1	2	3	4	5
Therapeutic relationship and rapport building	Client appears anxious and uncomfortable when interacting with clinician.	Client appears somewhat hesitant about interacting w/clinician.	Client seems ambivalent about his/her interaction with clinician.	Client appears comfortable and open in his/her interaction with clinician.	Client seeks interaction with clinician and is actively engaged in the process.
Use of Questions	Questions are confusing, repetitive, leading and generally ineffective.	There is an overabundance of closed questions. Questions are somewhat unclear.	Clinician uses both closed and open questions.	Clinician uses a wide range of questions that lead to good discussion.	Clinician uses open and closed questions strategically. Questions are well formulated and clear.
Attending Behaviors	Attending behaviors are awkward and are interfering with the communication process.	Attending behaviors do not match client presentation. They appear unnatural.	Attending behaviors do not interfere with the therapeutic process.	Clinician uses appropriate attending behaviors that help to put client at ease.	Clinician uses open, engaging attending behaviors that effectively facilitate communication.
Structuring/ Effective Leadership	Clinician has difficulty asserting his/her leadership. There is a lack of direction/focus to the session.	Clinician has some difficulty leading the session – either by overstructuring or failing to demonstrate leadership.	Clinician leads the session with some minor distractions.	Clinician demonstrates appropriate leadership in the communication.	Clinician takes an effective leadership role that clearly facilitates the process through collaboration.
Goal Setting	Clinician is ineffective in goal setting by over-managing the process or by failing to provide leadership.	Clinician sets goals without feedback from client and/or goals are not an integral part of the work.	Goals are set. However, Clinician has some difficulty in collaboration regarding goals and/or in using these to guide the work.	Clinician helps client to set goals and incorporates these into session.	Clinician collaborates with client to set goals that fit client desires. Goals are reviewed and used to guide the work.
Analysis	Clinician's assessment does not fit the assessment data. Conclusions are not tentative and suggest bias.	Clinician does not engage in ongoing assessment/data collection. There are some assumptions present in their conclusions.	There is an analysis of assessment data. However, clinician's analysis is somewhat contradictory or confusing.	Clinician pulls together client data in a way that makes sense.	Clinician actively collects data and synthesizes data in a way that is trustworthy and logical.

Other Observation Notes: