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This study investigates pre-service English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teachers' perceptions of writing reflective teaching journals during field teaching practices. An exploratory, descriptive research design was utilized in this study. Data collection was conducted via reflection and focus group discussions among ten prospective teachers in the seventh semester of the Department of English Education at an Islamic university in Southeast Sulawesi. Thematic analysis was used to analyze the data. The analysis findings indicated that most participants view writing reflective journals as positive evaluation material for the learning process. The advantages of reflective writing were discussed, such as improvement of teaching progress by tracking teaching progress, understanding student learning models, and building critical thinking. Challenges and difficulties experienced were identified, the greatest being managing time. Prospective teachers can overcome these challenges and difficulties by finding solutions and showcasing positive results. Finally, the reliability of the reflection writing was found to influence their learning progress.

Keywords: EFL pre-service teachers' perceptions; Reflective teaching journal writing; Teaching practice

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