



## NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE 10-514-1 Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Background Check Disclosure

Northwood Technical College students accepted into this program are required to have Caregiver Background and/or Criminal History checks at the state and/or national levels. These checks are run after the student has been admitted into their program and before the start of specific coursework or entering clinical agencies. Results from these checks for students admitted to these programs *may*:

- Prevent enrollment, participation, and/or admission in coursework required for graduation
- Affect ability to secure employment in the field of study upon graduation

Fees will be charged to run these background checks and are the student's responsibility. Costs found on Northwood Tech's website at: [www.NorthwoodTech.edu/finance/tuition.htm](http://www.NorthwoodTech.edu/finance/tuition.htm)

Wisconsin Caregiver Program offenses affecting caregiver eligibility for Chapter 50 programs [Wisconsin DHS Caregiver Program Offenses.pdf](#).

**Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)** - OTA students are required to complete off-campus course experiences and fieldwork placements throughout the program. A Wisconsin Caregiver background check will be completed between August 1 and September 1 of the year the student is admitted to core (514-xxx) courses. Prior to OTA Fieldwork, the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and/or Instructor will inform you if the national and/or other applicable state background check is needed. The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and/or Instructor will continue to attempt placement for the OTA student with a negative mark on his/her background check until the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and/or Instructor receives three negative responses from three different potential fieldwork agencies. Once three different potential fieldwork agencies have declined an OTA student on the basis of the results of his/her negative background check, the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and/or Instructor will cease to pursue a fieldwork placement for that student. It is the prerogative of the fieldwork facility to refuse to allow a student to complete fieldwork at their facility based on background check information. Inability to complete OTA Fieldwork based on background discrepancies may result in dismissal from the program, since course competencies could not be met.

## Background Check Signature Statement

Northwood Technical College students accepted into this program are required to have Caregiver Background and/or Criminal History checks at the state and/or national levels. By signing below, I am confirming that I have read and understand the bulleted information below and the information contained in this Background Check Disclosure.

- That state and national background checks will be run before and/or after acceptance into the program and that I am responsible for the fees.
- If there are findings on my background check, it could prevent my participation in coursework required for graduation and/or affect my ability to secure employment in my field of study upon graduation.
- If there are no clinical agencies that will accept me based on my background check findings, I will be not eligible to be in or complete your program.
- My background check findings will be communicated to me by a Northwood Tech staff person.

*(This signed document is needed only for those students who did not complete the online application or requested additional information.)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_