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Fieldwork Grading

Fieldwork I

The fieldwork educators for each of your Fieldwork I rotations complete the AOTA Level I Competency Evaluation for OTA Students. The fieldwork educators grade your performance on 5 sections related to the FWII Performance Evaluation, (fundamentals of practice, foundations of occupational therapy, professional behaviors, screening and evaluation, and intervention).

Students will earn a Satisfactory(S) or Unsatisfactory (U) grade for this course based on assessed performance. All assignments are graded, and points are awarded. Students must obtain a 79.5% average in each of the three fieldwork settings (psychosocial, emerging, and nontraditional). Failure to meet the expected average in a setting will result in the creation of an improvement plan. A maximum of 2 improvement plans will be available to students in the course before risking failure of the course.

Complete all required FW tasks: All required tasks must be completed by the timelines indicated on the student schedule and Blackboard course. All written and oral expectations must reflect critical analysis and professionalism. Following the rubrics attached to each task is necessary for success in the course.

AOTA's Level I Fieldwork Competency Evaluation: Fieldwork Educators complete this after each of the three settings. They assess your performance in 5 areas, (fundamentals of practice, foundations of OT, professional behavior, screening and evaluation, and intervention). These are skill areas needed for successful practice as an occupational therapy practitioner. An improvement plan will be established with 3 or more below-standard (B) or unacceptable (U) scores.

If you receive an Unsatisfactory (U) in the course, you will not pass Fieldwork I, therefore resulting in dismissal from the OTA program.

Fieldwork IIA and Fieldwork IIB

The fieldwork educators for each of your Fieldwork II rotations complete an AOTA Fieldwork Performance Evaluation for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Student. The fieldwork educators grade your performance in 6 areas (fundamentals of practice, basic tenets, screening and evaluation, intervention, management of occupational therapy services, and communication and professional behaviors). At final evaluation, you must score 91 points or higher and ratings for the Ethics and Safety items must be scored at 3 or above for you to pass the fieldwork experience. You will receive a Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U).

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Upon completion of each Fieldwork II rotation, you must have a complete AOTA Fieldwork Performance Evaluation for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Student, Student Evaluation of the Fieldwork Experience, and Students Evaluation of the Fieldwork Educator. All required documentation must be submitted by the timelines provided by the Northwood Tech Academic Fieldwork Coordinator. All documentation must be thorough with required signatures and reflections for successful completion of Fieldwork IIA and Fieldwork IIB.