

Northwood Technical College  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Fieldwork Handbook

## Glossary

**Fieldwork:** A limited experience that allows the student the opportunity to apply the course work to a practical setting. This may also be referred to as a clinical experience.

**Fieldwork I:** A student's first type of clinical experience, perhaps in a variety of settings, will allow a student to begin applying their knowledge base to practical applications. This occurs in the third semester.

**Fieldwork II:** Additional practical experiences with increased responsibilities by the student in a supervised setting. Fieldwork II is divided into two placements and they are referred to as “Fieldwork Level IIA” and “Fieldwork Level IIB”. This occurs in the fourth semester.

**Fieldwork Educator:** An OT/OTR or OTA/COTA who is responsible for the direct supervision and education of an OTA student during the fieldwork placement. A Fieldwork Educator may also be called a Clinical Educator or Clinical Supervisor.

**Academic Fieldwork Coordinator:** A faculty member of Northwood Technical College who also plays a role in the supervision of the OTA students on their fieldwork experience. This individual also arranges and coordinates the locations for each student’s fieldwork placement.

**Professional Standards:** This term covers a variety of smaller topics that refer to an individual’s behavior and skills in the workplace. Specifically, professional standards refer to a person’s ability to be punctual, respectful, responsible, tactful, poised, confidential, considerate of others, have an ideology of optimism, demonstrate an inner motivation to learn from mistakes and be a life-long learner. Fieldwork experiences expose the OTA student to professionals in their fields and the professional behaviors in which are expected.