FIELDWORK:
STUDENT ORIENTATION 2019

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INTRODUCTION:

What is the AFWC?

What is a FWE

What is FW

Fieldwork I

Fieldwork II

What to expect
ACADEMIC FIELDWORK COORDINATOR (AFWC)

Fieldwork coordinator YouTube video
FIELDWORK EDUCATOR (FWE)
WHAT IS FIELDWORK (FW)?

- This is a time where you go out into the public and “see” and “try” hands-on occupational therapy activities with real people in real situations.
2 TYPES OF FIELDWORK

Fieldwork I
- Psychosocial
- Other

Fieldwork II
- IIA
- IIB
Fieldwork 1
The AOTA Standards describe the goal of Level I Fieldwork "to introduce students to the fieldwork experience, and develop a basic comfort level with an understanding of the needs of clients."

Level I Fieldwork is not intended to develop independent performance, but to "include experiences designed to enrich didactic coursework through directed observation and participation in selected aspects of the occupational therapy process."
FIELDWORK I

- Third semester in OTA Program
- Within a 2 hour radius of the home campus
- You will experience multiple environments
- Begin to apply “text knowledge” with real experiences
FIELDWORK 1 TASKS:

- Practice assessment tools
- Experience multiple treatment environments
- Obtain a better understanding of the scope of what OT is
- Communicate with various professionals (OTR, COTA, etc.) and advocate for the role of OT in professional settings
FIELDWORK I ROTATIONS 96 HOURS

Psychosocial setting
- Supervised by OTA instructor
- Near campus

Other
- Community based—Variety of experiences
- Within 2 hour radius of campus
The Level II Fieldwork experience, an integral part of OT education, should be designed to promote clinical reasoning and reflective practice, to support ethical practice through transmission of the values and beliefs of the profession, to communicate and model professionalism as a developmental process and a career responsibility, and to expand knowledge and application of a repertoire of occupational therapy assessments and interventions related to human occupation and performance.

Through the fieldwork experience, students learn to apply theoretical and scientific principles learned in the didactic portion of the academic program to address actual client needs and develop a professional identity as an occupational therapy practitioner within an interdisciplinary context.
FIELDWORK II

- Fourth and final semester
- You will experience two different rotations
  - Each rotation will be 8 weeks long and full time equivalency
    - You may need to re-locate for a short period of time
    - You will end with entry-level competency of an OTA
  - You will be working and “learning the ropes” to be a full time OTA
FIELDWORK FACTS…

- You need to have reliable transportation.

- Fieldwork is important. This is your “hands on” portion of your education. You must successfully complete (pass) fieldwork in order to graduate.

- You will be graded with a formal midterm and final based upon your safety, professionalism, and practice techniques.
FIELDWORK II OVERVIEW:

Level IIA and IIB fieldwork is 8/ 8+ hours a day, and 8 weeks long.

The fieldwork site will have additional assignments and expectations.

Online OTA course at the same time.
FIELDWORK FACTS CONTINUED...

- Students will follow the schedule of the fieldwork site (not WITC’s schedule) for FW II.
- Students will dress and act professionally.
- Students will have passed all other OTA coursework and general studies courses prior to initiating fieldwork.
- Should you decline a FW site you need to wait until it is offered again (1 year later—only in Spring Semester)

  - Should you fail FW you are dismissed from the OTA program.
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK

- Fieldwork I (Fall Semester)
  - Community
  - Psychosocial

- Fieldwork II (Spring Semester)
  - Fieldwork IIA
    - 8 weeks Full time
  - Fieldwork IIB
    - 8 weeks Full time

- Graduation occurs after FW II is complete
FIELDWORK MEETING:

- The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator will meet with you 1:1 during second semester. This will allow you to share about yourself and your personal goals.

- Due to the availability of Fieldwork sites and Fieldwork Educators (your site supervisor) you will not be guaranteed any particular placement.
EMBRACE THE EXPERIENCE!

- Fieldwork I and II are exciting and great learning opportunities.
- Fieldwork prepares you for the “real world”. As it applies your “book” knowledge into practical experiences.
- Fieldwork Educators (your site supervisor) will guide you through each experience.
- Fieldwork prepares you for your national certification examination.
WHAT TO LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING AN OTA

OTA YouTube video
CONCLUSION

AFWC  FWE  FW I

FWII  Expectations
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