

Glossary

Fieldwork A limited experience which 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 experiences, perhaps in a variety of settings, which will allow a student to begin applying their knowledge base to practical applications. This occurs in 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) or other professional in a practice setting (a hospital, nursing home, nontraditional setting, etc) 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 WITC who also plays a role in the supervision of the WITC OTA student while at his/her 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 which 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, and having an ideology of optimism and demonstrates 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.