

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

FW 1.8 Level II Fieldwork

FW 1.8.1 Qualifications for Level II Fieldwork

Overview

The following courses, OTA 285 Practicum III and OTA 286 Practicum IV, are Level II fieldwork experiences. “The goal of Level II fieldwork is to develop competent, entry-level, generalist occupational therapy assistants.” These courses provide “in-depth experience in delivering occupational therapy services to clients, focusing on the application of purposeful and meaningful occupation.” (Standards for an Accredited Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant, 2011). These are the only courses where Level II experiences are scheduled. *No other clinical time may be substituted for the clinical hours required in these two courses.* Combined, these courses will be the equivalent of 16 weeks of full-time clinical placement in a minimum of two clinical sites.

Qualifications

Student must have successfully completed all prior didactic coursework and Level I fieldwork with a passing grade of 75% or better.

The faculty of the OTA Program want all students to have successful fieldwork experiences. In order to assist students in achieving success, participation in fieldwork is dependent on completion of all academic requirements and permission of the instructor. It is in the best interest of students, clients, and facilities that students who do not demonstrate understanding of information presented during regular coursework may not be permitted to participate in fieldwork. Students who score below the grade of “C” on any quiz, lab exam, or lecture exam may be required to do remediation to demonstrate understanding of the concepts covered. Failure to complete remediation will result in an incomplete grade for the semester. The student will have 6 weeks to complete remediation. For Level II experiences, failure to complete remediation prior to fieldwork experience will result in a delay of the fieldwork experience start date.

Students’ records must be current with the Health Science office (documents housed in myRecordTracker).

If the student does not have current records on file prior to OTA 285 or OTA 286, the student’s clinical will be postponed until all items are current. This may delay the clinical start date. Should the student need a new assignment, the AFWC will make necessary arrangements. The student may then be required to complete level II clinical rotations beyond graduation commencement and may result in delay of necessary requirements needed for certification and licensure.

Any student who would like to appeal decisions affecting fieldwork eligibility should refer to the OTA and OTC Student Handbooks for information regarding the grievance procedures.