

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

FW 1.8 Level II Fieldwork

FW 1.8.3 Grading in Level II Fieldwork

Level II fieldwork, OTA 285 & OTA 286, is graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

The Clinical Fieldwork Educator should provide on-going feedback regarding performance. The student is responsible for requesting additional feedback as needed. Both the student and the supervisor will conduct a mid-term and final assessment of clinical performance. The AFWC will request information regarding results and plans for future progress.

At the conclusion of the fieldwork, the Clinical Fieldwork Educator will complete the **Fieldwork Performance Evaluation for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Student (FWPE)**. The student will also complete the **Student Evaluation of Fieldwork Experience** at the conclusion of the experience.

Students are required to submit all requested correspondence, reports, and forms and to attend mandatory follow-up sessions at the conclusion of their fieldwork in order to pass the course. A grade of *"Incomplete"* will be given until all assignments are submitted. Students should refer to the OTC Student Handbook for grade policy information. Failure to change the grade from incomplete to a pass within six weeks can result in a grade of "F" on the transcript.

In addition to submitting the above materials, to pass each rotation of the clinical education experience, the student must achieve a final minimum score of **90** on the **Fieldwork Performance Evaluation Form for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Student**. AOTA has determined that following safety and ethics guidelines is a requisite to becoming an entry-level practitioner. According to the FWPE, "The ratings for the Ethics and Safety items must be scored at 3 or above on the final evaluation for the student to pass the fieldwork experience." The Clinical Supervisor must document the critical incident in which the student compromised ethics or the safety of the patient. ***Therefore, failure to score at entry level in safety and ethics at the final can result in automatic failure of the clinical.***

If a student is in jeopardy of unsuccessful completion or termination of a Level II clinical assignment, they will receive notification of this from their Fieldwork Educator as the case warrants. The development of a remediation plan and a time frame for successful completion of the fieldwork will be created by the student, Clinical Fieldwork Educator, and Academic Fieldwork Coordinator. Should the student fail to accomplish the requirements contained within the remediation plan they will fail the clinical. The student will be required to meet with the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator to discuss the actions necessary to insure a passing grade in the next Level II clinical. The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, Program Director, relevant OTA faculty, and student will attend the meeting. The Clinical Fieldwork Educator and the Dean of Health Sciences may be in attendance at this meeting.

If a student fails a Level II fieldwork, the faculty may recommend one of the following depending on the individual situation:

1. The student may be allowed to repeat the fieldwork immediately if the student has passed all other requirements, including any previous clinical experiences and there are no extenuating personal and /or academic issues to be resolved.
2. The student may be allowed to repeat the fieldwork after a time period determined by the AFWC in circumstances where time is necessary for personal and/or academic issues to be resolved.
3. The student will be dismissed from the program if the student has previously failed a Level II clinical experience or has demonstrated inappropriate ethical or safety behavior.

Two failures on Level II clinical, regardless of whether OTA 285 or 286 will result in failure of the course, and dismissal from the OTA Program without the option of readmission. Failure to complete all course requirements will interfere with the ability to be cleared for graduation or to apply for the Missouri Limited Permit or the NBCOT exam.