

Tips for Enhancing your Fieldwork Education Experience

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Fieldwork Education is an essential component of any occupational therapy program. Collaboration and effective communication between fieldwork educators, students, and educational institutions are important to ensure the most successful learning experience for students. In order to assist fieldwork educators with the process of supervision, the American Occupational Therapy Association recommends that sites develop a fieldwork manual with the following suggested content:

- Orientation Outline
- Assignments
- Safety Procedures/Codes
- Site-Specific Objectives
- Week-by-Week Schedule of Responsibilities
- Patient Confidentiality Information (Patient Rights)
- Guidelines for Documentation
- The Occupational Therapy Practice Framework, 2nd edition

Please consider exploring AOTA's website (www.aota.org) to discover additional valuable suggestions for new and experienced fieldwork educators. When navigating the AOTA website, click on the "Educators-Researchers" tab, select "Educator Resources", then click on "Fieldwork Education". This will take you to <http://aota.org/Educate/EdRes/Fieldwork.aspx> where you find informational articles as well as very specific examples of forms that can be saved and modified to complement your fieldwork setting. Many educational institutions also provide helpful information designed to assist with the fieldwork supervision experience.

Explore the individual sites of many of Ohio's educational institutions by navigating the sites below:

Cincinnati State

<http://faculty.cincinnatiastate.edu/cindykief/fieldwork.htm>

Cleveland State University

<http://www.csuohio.edu/sciences/dept/healthsciences/graduate/fieldwork/index.html>

Kent State University

<http://www.ashtabula.kent.edu/academics/depts/ocat/fieldwork.cfm>

Ohio State University

<http://www.taskstream.com/ts/cleary11/osuotfw.html>

University of Toledo

http://www.utoledo.edu/hshs/ot/Fieldwork_Education.html

Xavier University

<http://www.xavier.edu/OT/Fieldwork-Education.cfm>

Thank you for taking the time to collaborate with the educational institutions in Ohio in an effort to facilitate a valuable educational learning experience for future occupational therapists.