

LEVEL I FIELDWORK

Sequence/Objectives

Level I Fieldwork is integrated into four courses in the series focusing on occupational therapy theory and practice. Prior to the FW I experiences, brief observational experiences augment the first theory and practice course, Foundations of OT. Additional clinical experiences are built into the OT Practice Skills course series which is completed during the first year in the program. One-week Fieldwork I experiences are offered as integral parts of the following courses: OT in Psychosocial Dysfunction, OT in Physical Disabilities, OT in Pediatrics, and OT in Geriatrics. The goal of Level I Fieldwork is to provide opportunities for observation and structured participation in application of technical skills of assessment and intervention principles and strategies and of professional skills such as clinical reasoning and communication. Following are the general objectives for Level I Fieldwork experiences

The student will, as is appropriate to the practice setting:

1. Integrate and apply knowledge and therapeutic skills in evaluation and intervention processes.
2. Demonstrate professional attitudes, values, and behaviors.

Based on these general objectives, each course instructor develops specific goals that focus on the area of practice for that course. These are then shared with the Level I Fieldwork sites to allow collaboration in providing meaningful learning experiences. Level I Fieldwork is supervised primarily by occupational therapists, but sometimes by other qualified allied health personnel.

Selection of Sites

Selection of Level I Fieldwork centers is based on criteria established by the faculty using the AOTA guidelines for development and administration of fieldwork placements. If the facility meets these criteria, a "Memorandum of Understanding" is signed with the facility. Due to availability of sites, students will be expected to go out of the Seattle area for at least the one-week rotations. However, do not purchase airfare for any out-of-state Fieldwork I until the placement is confirmed.

Requirements of students prior to going on 1-week FW I

Before going on the one-week Fieldwork I experiences, students must have completed or be in compliance with the following:

- CPR training for healthcare professionals
- HIV/AIDS prevention training which includes blood borne pathogen training
- HIPAA training
- Background History check
- Immunizations
- Medicare Fraud checks

- Release of information form

Some sites have additional requirements such as drug screens, or completion of orientation modules. (See appendix for UW Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy)

Liability Insurance

Liability coverage for students in Level I fieldwork is provided by the UW.

Evaluation of Fieldwork I Experience

The Fieldwork Educator at the site will evaluate the student using the Level I Fieldwork Evaluation Form. The student, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and faculty course instructor review the FW I evaluation. The completed evaluation form will be filed in the student's academic record. The student will complete an evaluation of the Fieldwork I experience that is shared with the Fieldwork Educator, the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and appropriate faculty. Information from this evaluation is useful in evaluating the appropriateness of clinical sites and in evaluating course content.

If the student does not satisfactorily complete a Fieldwork I experience, he/she is required to repeat the Fieldwork I and does not receive a grade in the course until the FW I is successfully completed. The student may repeat each FW I placement only once and must successfully complete the FWI placement by the end of the following academic quarter. If he/she does not pass the repeated FW I placement, the student does not pass the class and will be subject to dismissal from the program. All Level I Fieldwork must be successfully completed before beginning Level II Fieldwork.