

# Western Student Learning Results (Program Outcomes) for 2011

Source: Student

# of Grads: 15

Program: Occupational Therapy Assistant

# of Responses: 13

Outcome	Yes	No	Unk	NA	Result	Feedback
What did you like about this program?	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	This program really helps students learn in a realistic environment, with techniques and coursework, that promote students to aim for their highest levels of achievement. The teachers knew their material well, and even though some tasks seemed repetitive, it was for the best to really help us all learn how to be proficient and confident in our skills. During fieldwork, many supervisors and their coworkers commented on my knowledge and how prepared my schooling had made me. I am so very happy that I chose Western Technical College over others in the state to be in the OTA program.
					Yes	It was very hands on!
					Yes	The hands on experience.
					Yes	I feel that the curriculum prepared me for what I encountered at FW. During FW I was able to use all of the skills that I obtained during course studies in some way or another.
					Yes	I felt that this program prepared us very well for the career path I will be entering. The courses were manageable, but still challenging.
					Yes	I really liked the hands on we recieved
What would you change about this program?	12 92.31%	1 7.69%	0	0		
					Yes	Fast paced program, sometimes materials covered too quickly.
					Yes	Hands on.
					Yes	I felt that Chris's grading was very inconsistent. For some assignments, the whole class was just given the same grade (ex: 8/10) because she felt we didn't fully complete it to the extent she wanted. Many of the test questions were very debatable. She was looking for a specific answer and would take points off if we didn't come up with the same answer she was looking for. Even if we had a decent answer and could back it up, it was still wrong because it wasn't the specific answer she was looking for. Never in the question, however, did it allude to the answer she wanted. Basically, many test questions were too vague to come up with the specific answer she was looking for. When the entire class gets an answer wrong, and all puts the same answer, that should tell you something about the way the question was written. This happened multiple times.
					Yes	More community practice!
					Yes	I would change FW 1 and make it a little longer, I dont' really feel like it helped me prepare for FW II.
					Yes	making 1st semester class face to face
					Yes	If there was one thing that I would change it would be to rely less on email for some issues and more on phone calls, particularly during fieldwork, as it can be quite timesaving.
Use effective communication skills.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Erin was really awesome with this and the rehab techs

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					Yes	Communication, both verbal and nonverbal, were greatly emphasized throughout the program. Being an OTA, and in any working experience, communication is necessary. The in-depth learning about non-verbals and therapeutic use of self, really helped me learn how others may interpret my communication. I found this to be an extremely valuable part of my learning experience.
					Yes	I think that the mock scenario's were the most helpful with this. It felt silly at the time but I found myself using the skills I obtained.
					Yes	communication with instructors was strongly encouraged
Apply mathematical concepts.	9 69.23%	4 30.77%	0	0		
					Yes	I am not sure about this one but I can say that I understand how to take care of billing and keep up with productivity rates.
					Yes	Math is used in many areas of OT. I feel it is not a large focus, but it is definitely incorporated sufficiently into the program.
					No	not really applicable to this subject
Transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Even though theory isn't discussed on a daily basis it is seen in many ways through out each day. Having this background was essential.
					Yes	Definitely used theories to apply to practical situations
					Yes	I think this was one of the biggest bonuses of the fieldwork experience. Much of our studies prepared us to carryover these skills into real-life, practical applications.
Demonstrate ability to think critically.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Again, this was emphasized during coursework, and I feel it was valuable in preparation for actual practice.
					Yes	Very much so!
					Yes	Critical thinking was an important part of the learning process
					Yes	This was probably my strongest background skill. The practicals were the most useful for this.
Demonstrate ability to value self and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	I think that we had an ample amount of course material that prepared us to consider diversity. We definitely covered ethics enough. I think valuing self was done quite a bit, and I feel that this could be something that could be incorporated more initially into the program. I think in order to be a well-rounded OTA, it is important to recognize your own self and set goals for yourself. If you can analyze yourself, it makes it much easier to help others and consider all the factors in their lives. This contributes to greater client-centered services. Additionally, it really helps one to recognize their lives, routines, patterns, and areas they would like to improve.
					Yes	100% agree
					Yes	There was a high standard that was expected from the first and I feel that the PBA's were very helpful with this.
Use technology effectively.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		

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					Yes	The online classes helped with this. It was nice to have this form of course during the program.
					Yes	Assistive technology was very helpful with this. Even if we did not get hands on experience with something the information was clear and helpful.
					Yes	I feel extremely comfortable in my ability to use different technology. I think we used technology enough, and that it helped prepare us sufficiently for future use.
					Yes	I feel that it would be beneficial to have the AT computer lab working more efficiently and to have access to the VHI program
					Yes	Would be nice to have more equipment in the labs, and better computers
Make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability	12 92.31%	1 7.69%	0	0		
					Yes	I feel I achieved this.
					Yes	All through the course good decision making was encouraged and supported. I also think that the expectations to maintain professional behaviors was a crucial element.
Adhere to the ethical standards, values, and attitudes of the occupational therapy profession.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Again this was supported with the professional behaviors assessments. Personally I saw huge improvement from the first one to the last and feel that I help myself more accountable because of it.
					Yes	I feel very comfortable in my knowledge of the OTA ethics, values, and attitudes. We spent quite a bit of time learning this throughout various courses. At times, it seemed a bit much, but it is a very important aspect to being a good OTA.
Practice within the distinct role and responsibility of the occupational therapy assistant.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	It was nice to get together with the OT students a couple times in order to work on this. It was interesting, however, that we seemed to know more about the different role duties than the OT students did.
					Yes	I feel I have definitely achieved this. We learned how OTA roles can vary across the board and in different settings. I feel my experiences helped me learn to be adaptive to what is expected of me in any setting.
					Yes	This is what Fieldwork is all about!
					Yes	I feel very prepared in this area, I feel that the collaboration with the OT students solidified this, I think that the activity analysis class and all of the similar course studies supported this.
Advocate for the profession, services, and consumers.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	I think this is an extremely important area of OT, and I feel we learned a good amount, though it was just the tip of the ice berg. Through fieldwork, I saw so many clients who could benefit through advocacy. Having a project relating closely to advocating for a population, diagnosis, etc. would be a fun and worthwhile project.

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					Yes	through the program, yes. I do feel that joining AOTA is too costly, and have heard similar comments from professionals while on fieldwork
					Yes	I learned a lot about how to advocate as a professional and for the consumers.
					Yes	Many opportunities for this throughout the program
					Yes	I think theory and history of OT supported this the most. Starting from the beginning of Intro to OT I felt part of a that history and wanted to uphold the reputation of the profession.
Value life-long learning and the need to keep current with best practice.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Continuing education is highly stressed upon
					Yes	We learned a lot about life-long learning, and I think that from just being in the program, all of us felt the desire to stay up-to-date with practice and to continue our educations to make sure we are providing our clients with the best services possible.
					Yes	This was really semented with FW, getting out into the field with therapists that have a lot of experience. In my personal experience of FW I am more empowered to cont. with education and research.
Apply occupational therapy principles and intervention tools to achieve expected outcomes.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	This was one of the main aspects of our learning. I think that this was also, another top rated area, particularly in relation to real-life practice. The practical exams and lab classes really helped us prepare by learning hands-on. This was especially helpful in developing entry-level skills!
					Yes	OT Performance skills was the course that prepared me the most for this. I used the skills learned in there on a daily basis.
Serve a diverse population in a variety of systems that are consistent with entry level practice.	13 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	We covered a wide variety of populations and settings in class. I think there will always be more to learn, as it is impossible to cover and completely understand how it is to work with each population until actual experience is gained. Though, I feel our classroom learning prepared us as best as possible! The fieldtrips were extremely beneficial!
					Yes	Again, OT performance skills was very supportive, I also think that Geriatric and Pediatric practice were essential to this outcome.
<b>Aggregate Assessment of Achievement</b>	<b>189 96.92%</b>	<b>6 3.08%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		