

Occupational Therapy Assistant Spring 2016 Student SLO Report

Spring 2016 - Occupational Therapy Assistant

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Q3 - What did you like about this program?

High standards and expectations of students. Instructors knowledgeable about material they are teaching.

I feel that this program prepared me well for my fieldwork rotations. I didn't feel that I encountered anything that I was totally unprepared for, at the same time, I felt that fieldwork offered me enough of a challenge. I also appreciated that the hours of class were built around a regular work day rather than night and weekend classes. The instructors held us to professional standards and while it wasn't always appreciated in the moment, I feel it made me a better clinician.

Always help available when needed.

I was very prepared and it was a lot of fun with the group of girls in my program.

I felt prepared for fieldwork and instructors would take the time during classes to explain things more if needed. They were timely responding with emails.

I liked my experiences at FW and I liked that this program challenged me to improve in my skills and develop further clinical judgement.

I liked that there were a lot of opportunities provided to students for community resources. I liked that the classes were hands on verse just learning from the book.

I liked that the program progressed throughout the semesters and that there was a lot of hands-on opportunities available for us in the classes.

The fellow students that were in my program.

The students and occasionally teachers were very helpful.

I enjoyed the variety of program courses. I enjoyed the structure to the program and the class sizes.

I felt that this program addressed a wide variety of areas that will help us be prepared to practice as entry level practitioners.

I liked the group projects and mock treatment sessions.

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

Create a more positive learning environment. Instructors provide more support and guidance when students having difficulty. Instructors would hold themselves to the same professional standards that they hold students to. (i.e. grading assignments in a timely manner and not making excuses that they themselves would not excuse students for). Instructors treat students respectfully and as adults.

The course load is quite heavy during some semesters. I understand that this is necessary to complete all required coursework on time, however, it is difficult to manage at times, especially with a family, job, life, etc. As I mentioned the instructors hold high professional standards but sometimes it seems almost inhuman. It feels as if there is a lack of compassion for students who might be struggling when instructors reference bi-laws and program codes rather than addressing students as people.

It's very demanding, spreading things a little more evenly would be nice.

Overall this program prepared me well for fieldwork.

I would change instructors' attitudes towards students. It was hard to ask questions sometimes because we would feel embarrassed by how they would answer us. Also, to take into consideration that we are all adults and deserve the same respect as everyone else.

At times this program did not fully support the expectations my FWE had of me. I wish the program had focused more on interventions and progressing treatments as well as practicing these skills.

The instructors attitudes towards students. I feel there were times that their responses should of been more unbiased.

N/A

Instructor's attitude towards students.

Learn less about evaluations and more high level skills

I would recommend scheduled meetings once a month with the advisor/councilor to ensure constructive feedback on classroom work and etiquette.

Increase implementation of documentation.

Q6 - As a result of this program: I have learned effective communication skills.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	
Agree	53.85%	7
Strongly Agree	46.15%	6
Total	100%	13

Q7 - Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

This is emphasized quite a bit during PBA's.

Speak more confident.

Effective communication was an important and crucial part of my education.

I feel I learned a lot of communication skills through interaction with the instructors. The instructors had high expectations on professionalism. When emailing back and forth with them, I would try and write to them as if I was writing to a boss. I feel this helped me with my communication skills.

None.

My documentation skills have improved and professional verbal communication has showed a drastic increase after going through the program.

Q8 - As a result of this program: I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
Agree	76.92%	10
Strongly Agree	15.38%	2
Total	100%	13

Q9 - Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

Minutes and units during fieldwork

Minimal mathematical concepts.

There were limited opportunities to apply mathematical concepts.

Time management and calculating treatment time.

Q10 - As a result of this program: - I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	23.08%	3
Agree	69.23%	9
Strongly Agree	7.69%	1
Total	100%	13

Q11 - Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Splinting

I wish I would of gotten more time with fabricating different splints rather than just spending 2 weeks on it. I also never got a chance at Fieldwork to make splints, which was kind of disappointing.

Theories were used minimally. FWE noted learning theories is more of an OT concept and not applicable to OTA.

None.

Q12 - As a result of this program: I learned critical thinking skills.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	
Agree	30.77%	4
Strongly Agree	69.23%	9
Total	100%	13

Q13 - Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Continuous quality improvement project

None.

Q14 - As a result of this program: I have learned to use technology effectively.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	23.08%	3
Agree	38.46%	5
Strongly Agree	38.46%	5
Total	100%	13

Q15 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

Documentation during fieldwork

This was primarily strengthened during my FW rotation.

Assistive Technology class helped this.

Use more technology during class.

Q16 - As a result of this program: - I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	
Agree	38.46%	5
Strongly Agree	61.54%	8
Total	100%	13

Q17 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

Q18 - As a result of this program: - I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
Agree	61.54%	8
Strongly Agree	30.77%	4
Total	100%	13

Q19 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

N/A

None.

Q21 - As a result of this program, I learned to: - demonstrate professional behaviors, ethical standards, values, and attitudes of the occupational therapy profession.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	
Agree	30.77%	4
Strongly Agree	69.23%	9
Total	100%	13

Q22 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Fieldwork

I feel I learned all these however I feel like the attitudes of professionalism from the instructors were not consistent.

This program has definitely helped me to be a better professional and to treat all of my patients equally.

None.

Q23 - As a result of this program, I learned to: - practice within the distinct role and responsibility of the occupational therapy assistant.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	7.69%	1
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
Agree	38.46%	5
Strongly Agree	46.15%	6
Total	100%	13

Q24 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Fieldwork

Skills learned were applied more toward evaluation and job duties of an OTR, NOT a COTA

Q25 - As a result of this program, I learned to: advocate for the profession, services, and consumers.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	
Agree	69.23%	9
Strongly Agree	30.77%	4
Total	100%	13

Q26 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Letter to legislature

None.

Q27 - As a result of this program, I learned to: value life-long learning and the need to keep current with best practice.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	
Agree	46.15%	6
Strongly Agree	53.85%	7
Total	100%	13

Q28 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

N/A

Keeping current is very important.

None.

Q29 - As a result of this program, I learned to: - apply occupational therapy principles and intervention tools to achieve expected outcomes.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
Agree	38.46%	5
Strongly Agree	53.85%	7
Total	100%	13

Q30 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Adaptive equipment

Should have applied more focus on intervention during class sessions

Q31 - As a result of this program, I learned to: - serve a diverse population in a variety of systems that are consistent with entry level practice.

Answer	%	Count
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	
Agree	53.85%	7
Strongly Agree	46.15%	6
Total	100%	13

Q32 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Fieldwork

None.

Q33 - CONCLUSION Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

I really like how the program was set up. Although the program was very challenging I felt like it prepared me for fieldwork. The professors did a nice job including the important topics to cover to help with entering fieldwork.

I had an overall good experience at Western. Equality is something that could be worked on with every instructor I have come in contact with.

I think that this is a really great, well-rounded and put together program. The professors really work hard to make sure everything is covered and that we are going to be successful in the program.

Instructors appear to pick favorites and make it very obvious when students are not liked. Biased opinions were noted. Students seemed to be picked on when they were not liked.

Professors did not show respect and equality for all students. Favoritism was shown during grading and there was not consistency across the school year. Unbiased opinions should have been applied during the school year.

I enjoyed the program. I'm excited to be an entry level COTA. I believe we have gained skills throughout the program that will make us quality COTA's.