



Student Learning Outcome Assessment

Occupational Therapy Assistant
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Q3 - What did you like about this program?

It taught me to be a better care provider and how to really get into peoples issues and how to help them in many different aspects

I really enjoyed all the hands-on experience such as making splints and service learning.

I liked that I had an overview of what it means and what it takes to become an OTA.

I liked that we were able to get hands on practice completing techniques, assessments, and communication.

I felt that the program incorporated areas of importance for the field work requirements. I liked the group collaboration and team work throughout the course. The text books had great information that I refer back to throughout the course.

I enjoyed hands-on activities and doing the FW.

It is a cost effective 2 year program. There is hands on learning in all courses. The instructors have experience in the field.

Received opportunities for hands-on learning experiences

Cost effective, 2 year program

I liked the hands on learning and the variety of classes. I enjoyed the different fieldwork sites that I worked at.

I liked the thoroughness of knowledge taught.

I liked the variety of classes, and the variety of fieldwork education experiences (Peds, Mental health, Rehab).

It was intense, strict, and challenging.

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

More scenarios to get different ways of documenting that highlight the skilled services we do. taking a problem/diagnosis and different ways to treat, there are so many that I have done in FW that I didn't know about
I would update the Activity Analysis class to include more modern, realistic activities that we might actually use in fieldwork.

I would hire more people to teach the program. It would benefit the teachers and the students.

I would have more staff to help teach classes and provide increased consistency. I would not recommend new instructors changing the curriculum in the middle of the semester as this adds confusion and inconsistency.

I felt that there was a delay in getting assignments back that affected future assignments and practicals. There were assignments that I put quite a bit of thought and time into that I never even received back or had feed back on. I felt as though the instructors were overwhelmed at times and did there best to help, but didn't have the time. I really feel that having another instructor to help with class time and grading would allow for a more successful competency. I also feel that having real patients or working with the UW OT students on the clinics they held with patients would be so beneficial. I would also incorporate basic hospital equipment that a student may use or need to operate in a hospital.

I would add more hands-on with different types of diagnoses and do a "clinic" type setting where we work with the patients to get more experience.

The inconsistency of a major staff member leaving in the middle of the program. With additional staff provided to assist the instructors this may have not occurred.

Grading should be more consistent

Honestly, more than 4 semesters... Possibly 5. Program is intense.

Add more instructors. Getting grades back in a more effective and efficient manner so that we know how we are doing at that certain time.

I would change the schedule. It is very hard to hold a job and be a parent with the "mon-fri 8-3" schedule. I think some classes should be moved to the first semester to make the 2nd semester more attainable. I would also change some of the material taught. In fieldwork, I learned that much of the information taught was not applicable to current practice.

ADD MORE INSTRUCTORS. When we did not get our grades back, how are we supposed to get feedback and know what to improve on? Inconsistency, and staff leaving in the middle of the program was also very challenging.

Have more intructors.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	64.29%	9
5	Strongly Agree	35.71%	5
	Total	100%	14

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

Learning Therapeutic Use of Self helped me to feel comfortable in conversation with anyone I meet and group leading experience improved my communication skills.

SOAP notes are a good base; however not many places use SOAP notes anymore.

Therapeutic use of self.

Opportunities to present topics in front of the class, and communicated with instructors.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.14%	1
4	Agree	78.57%	11
5	Strongly Agree	14.29%	2
	Total	100%	14

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

Calculating the chronological age and recording test results.

How to calculate chronological age.

We focused on briefly.

-Learned Goniometer measurements -Learned how to calculate chronological age

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	7.14%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	14.29%	2
4	Agree	64.29%	9
5	Strongly Agree	14.29%	2
	Total	100%	14

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

Fabrication of two splints.

Could use some better explanations.

We focused on this briefly. I was not confident in this area after we practiced.

Fabricated static and dynamic splints

Splints were not given enough time to teach this objective.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.14%	1
4	Agree	42.86%	6
5	Strongly Agree	50.00%	7
	Total	100%	14

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

I learned about critical thinking but I was not able to apply until I got to FW, this is where it started to click.

My critical thinking skills grew through my fieldwork experiences.

However, apparently my current fieldwork educator does not think so. Maybe focus on this a bit more.

How to plan a treatment and have a back up plan when going into the session.

Complete Continuous Quality Improvement assignment

Fieldwork really helped with this.

Many assignments required critical thinking

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
5	Strongly Agree	21.43%	3
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.14%	1
2	Disagree	7.14%	1
4	Agree	64.29%	9
	Total	100%	14

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

I learned that the possibilities with technology are endless.

Not much technology used besides computers

I learned some technology, but would benefit from more documentation on technology.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.14%	1
4	Agree	35.71%	5
5	Strongly Agree	57.14%	8
	Total	100%	14

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

Community service learning and fieldwork experiences exposed me to diverse populations.

I learned that I can be comfortable in a diverse population.

Learned how to choose ethically appropriate treatments for clients

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	14.29%	2
4	Agree	50.00%	7
5	Strongly Agree	35.71%	5
	Total	100%	14

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

I am not feeling confident in my decision making skills quite yet.

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
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	57.14%	8
5	Strongly Agree	42.86%	6
	Total	100%	14

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

I learned a lot of things about myself and what things I can work on to improve myself.

I learned a lot about this throughout my experience here.

This was probably the biggest thing I learned in this program.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.14%	1
4	Agree	50.00%	7
5	Strongly Agree	42.86%	6
	Total	100%	14

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

Practice with treatment plans and hands-on experience during fieldwork.

I learned what OTAs can and cannot do.

Fieldwork helped a lot with this.

Required many assignments that did not relate to OTA, more OT

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.14%	1
4	Agree	64.29%	9
5	Strongly Agree	28.57%	4
	Total	100%	14

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

Didn't really get into this until FW
Letter to legislature assignment

Make your voice heard for your patients sake.

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
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	50.00%	7
5	Strongly Agree	50.00%	7
	Total	100%	14

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

Yes, I enjoy learning about new things.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.14%	1
4	Agree	57.14%	8
5	Strongly Agree	35.71%	5
	Total	100%	14

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

This also kicked in during FW

Assess, plan and implement client-centered assistive device for a member of the community.

However, wish I could have learned more.

Need more education on phys rehab interventions

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
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	64.29%	9
5	Strongly Agree	35.71%	5
	Total	100%	14

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

Experienced Pediatrics in schools and patients in SNF. There are so many more that could be experienced
At fieldwork and during community activities.

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

It was a good 2 years, but it was hard and trying. Too many inconsistencies. I did not feel prepared enough for Fieldwork.

I feel I learned the basics in OT and will be able to use these skills in my future. I feel documentation and activity techniques should be updated to what is currently practiced in the field.

It was a great experience and I have gained a lot of knowledge since starting the program.

I think it is extremely effective to hire instructors who have experience in the field. I also think that this program needs additional staff members, as our instructors at times struggled to grade assignments in a timely manner. With additional staff it also may have prevented one of the instructors from leaving in the middle of the program. Our instructor leaving made us all feel unsure and worried of our future at western technical college, and that was not a good feeling.

Very intense program but very informative. Had to deal with the unfortunate situation of a major instructor leaving in the middle of our program. Our 2 instructors are way overworked and are struggling to keep up with grading and keeping information current in regards to changing trends within the Occupational Therapy field.

I would have learned more if there were an adequate amount of staff members here to aid in my learning. I feel like I didn't get the proper education that I should have due to the shortage in staff and one major staff member leaving in the middle of our schooling.

Education was very inconsistent. Adjunct instructors required after losing a staff member after 1st semester caused inconsistency with information taught. Grades were not given back in timely manor due to low staff and high class load.

My experience would have been much better if these instructors had the help they needed before an instructor left mid-semester. I feel like I was not taught everything I need to know because of the inconsistency, and the new instructor was thrown into her first year teaching with a ton of responsibility.

It is an excellent program but would really benefit from additional staff such as an assistant for the instructors. The two instructors would benefit from additional assistance to prevent them from becoming overloaded with work.