

2008 -2009 Outcomes Assessment

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Purpose Statement: To provide the opportunity for growth in academic knowledge and technical skills. This will be achieved by providing quality courses of study in dynamic learning environments which are committed which are committed to student success through educational excellence.

Goals	Intended Outcomes	Assessment Criteria/Procedures	Assessment Results	Use of Results
To successfully prepare OTA graduates for entry- level employment	80% of OTA students will demonstrate competency in entry-level OT treatment techniques on initial attempt of practical examination	OTA 220 – manual muscle testing practical and Range of motion practical OTA 205 – transfer competency evaluation OTA 222 – treatment planning evaluation	85% of the students demonstrated competency in entry-level OT treatment techniques on <u>initial</u> attempt of practical examination	Outcome met – continue to monitor
	90% of OTA students will demonstrate competency in entry-level OT documentation techniques	OTA 221 – OTA documentation examinations and assignments OTA 252 – fieldwork documentation performance	100% of the students demonstrated competency in entry-level OT documentation of SOAP note – however, many fieldwork sites use different types of documentation Outcome met	Outcome met – review current instruction on SOAP notes and add varied documentation formats to instruction to meet current industry practice needs

	90% of OTA students will demonstrate competency in entry-level OTA research techniques	OTA 223– Professional skills Research presentation	75% of the students demonstrated competency in entry-level OTA research techniques – deficits identified in understanding research techniques Outcome not met	Review research instructional process, mentor students who have difficulty with research techniques prior to final presentation
	Graduates taking the NBCOT certification examination for OTAs within six months of graduation will achieve a passing score at a rate of 5% or greater than the national average (National average 83%)	NBCOT Examination OTA 260 Mock OTA certification examination	71% of graduates passed the NBCOT examination on their first attempt (Jan 2008 thru Sept 09) National pass rate for the corresponding time was 83%. Outcome not achieved	Shared information with Dean. Implemented review examination (summer 2009) from NBCOT from budget hearing funds – augmented review seminar instruction for more effective results. Curriculum analysis with focus on comparison of domains from certification exam and components of course contents to ensure all appropriate areas are addressed
	80% of graduates will be placed in field within 6 months of graduation.	Graduate surveys	90% of OTA graduates seeking employment were able to obtain employment within 6 months of graduation Outcome Met	Outcome met. Continue to assist students in professional presentation of job skills through resume and portfolio completion and assist with establishing contacts with rehab

				companies to increase student competitiveness in the OTA job market
	80% of employers will report that graduates employed are adequately prepared for entry-level positions.	Employer surveys	85% of employers reported that OTA graduates were prepared for entry-level positions. Outcome Met	Outcome met. Due to a low survey response (10/30=30%) will add a personal email and/or correspondence to employers encouraging participation. The OTA program will also continue to monitor trends in OT practice and utilize appropriate instruction and fieldwork experience to adequately prepare the OTA student for success in the competitive job market
	80% of graduates surveyed will report satisfaction with the quality of their educational experiences at this institution	Exit interviews/surveys Graduate surveys	WSSC Exit interviews reflected that 91% of students anonymously surveyed had overall program satisfaction WSSC Graduate surveys reflected that greater than 70% of students report excellent experience during the OTA program and 30% report very good experience in the	Outcome met. Due to a low survey response (10/27=37%) will add a personal email and/or correspondence to upcoming graduates encouraging participation. The OTA program will also continue to offer dynamic and unique educational opportunities strongly encourage and involve OTA students in state

			OTA. Outcome Met	and national associations to facilitate greater involvement and commitment to life-long learning.