

OTA 161- Discussion Questions

Question #1

Describe your fieldwork site to your classmates by answering the following questions: What type of setting will you be visiting for the **first rotation**? How many clients are treated there? Does the site serve a specific population? If clients receive OT services at your site, what is the average length of time to receive services? How do clients qualify for services at this facility? How are services paid for? Do you have experience working at a site like this?

Question #2

At your FW site, how do you see the professionals (teachers, TAs, administrative staff, therapists, students, etc.) protecting the confidentiality of the children?

Question #3

This week, let's learn from each other by sharing observations regarding the professionals at your site, and the role they play in educating and/or serving as advocates for the children they serve. The professionals may be therapists, teachers, social workers, case managers, or psychiatrists, etc.

For example, think about the following: Have you observed caregiver education? If not, have you seen the opportunity to educate caregivers? Have you observed professionals advocating for special equipment or supplies? Can you explain how important caregiver education is in pediatrics? Think about how advocating helps the child progress and how to advocate within the boundaries of the scope of occupational therapy. Have you observed how valuable the caregiver is to the therapeutic team when working with children?

Question #4

Explain an ethical dilemma you have observed at your FW site? Do you feel it was handled in the best possible way, to benefit the most people involved while adhering to ethical principles of the site? If you are employed as an OTA in a pediatric setting, which of the OT ethical principles will you keep in mind when working with children and their caregivers?

Question #5

I am sure you have seen creative activities, interesting techniques to motivate children or keep them on task, or other. Please share with the class, then ask and answer any questions you may have of each other.

Question #6

I am sure you have seen a variety of communication styles while observing at your FW site. This week share and discuss examples of professional communication. How does communicating professionally ultimately meet the needs of the child? Can you discuss, while protecting privacy, any instances that stand out as good examples?