

OTA 260 and OTA 261-Level II Placement I and Placement II

Discussion Board Questions

Week One: We will begin by **orienting** each other to all field sites by answering the following questions:

What kind of facility is it? Describe the caseload, for example the population served and number of clients treated in a day/week? What is the average length of time a client received OT services? How do clients qualify for services at this field site? How are services reimbursed? Have you had experience working at a site like this before?

Week Two: How are services provided to the clients at your current FW site **documented**? How do the professionals at your site utilize technology in documentation or treatment intervention?

Week Three: Explain an example from your FW site in which you have observed/experienced **professional communication skills** and how communication helped the situation.

Week Four: Share an example of how the **psychosocial needs** of clients at your fieldwork site are met by **occupation-based activities**.

Week Five: Share examples of how occupational therapy practitioners **educate and/or advocate for clients and caregivers while staying within the scope of occupational therapy**. For example, educate about community resources, advocate for services or equipment, etc.

Week Six: This week's topic is **cultural diversity**. Share and discuss examples of observations or experiences at your current FW site. You may be able to explain how an issue was handled and the outcome? You may also explain examples of how appreciating diversity at your FW site can affect intervention with the clients. Remember to maintain confidentiality of clients and FWEs.

Week Seven: Think about the importance of **evidence based practice** (EBP) and how it will impact the profession of occupational therapy and clients receiving OT services. Share examples of seeing OTs and OTAs use EBP at your FW site. You may share cases in which diagnoses required further research, and/or the interventions to treat such diagnoses have required additional research in order to be appropriate, effective and current.

Week Eight: This week inform your classmates of the **discharge process** at your FW site. Is there a follow-up plan? **How do the OTAs at your site contribute to the discharge process?**

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