Dear OT Practitioner:

As part of the application process for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Idaho State University's College of Technology, prospective students are required to obtain a minimum of 40 hours of observation. These hours can be completed two different ways.

1. Observation should consist of at least 20 hours each in a minimum of 2 different practice settings and/or practice areas. This is to ensure that each applicant is able to see the variety of populations and settings that OTP’s work to help them understand how diverse and unique our profession is.
2. Applicants may choose to complete 20 hours of observation AND take our online course open to any student interested in OT as a career choice, PTOT 2209 Introduction to Occupational Therapy.

Students are to complete the observations under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist or Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Applicants are not allowed to complete these observation hours with a relative but may use work or volunteer experience if they were able to observe occupational therapy in action.

Attached you will find the form with which to validate that the candidate did complete the observation hours. Along with this form, the applicant is to supply you with a stamped envelope addressed as follows:

Student Services (OTA Advisor)
Idaho State University College of Technology
921 South 8th Ave. Stop 8320
Pocatello, ID, 83209

You may complete the form with the applicant on-site, place it in an envelope, seal it, sign across the seal and give it back to the applicant to mail. Or, if time or situation does not allow for immediate completion, you may complete the form later and mail it to the OTA program in the envelope provided.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. The faculty and I thank you for your willingness to assist potential occupational therapy assistant students to discern if this is their career choice.

Sincerely,

Joanne Trammel MS, OTR/L
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To ensure that all applicants understand Occupational Therapy as a career, our program requires observation from two different practice settings and/or practice areas. We hope that the applicant has an opportunity to see a wide variety of populations also. Please fill out one form per observation site. There are two options:

1. Forty (40) hours of observation under the supervision of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.
2. Twenty (20) hours of observation and take Intro to Occupational Therapy PTOT 2209.

Examples of settings could be places such as hospitals, rehab units, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, and schools. Practice areas could be ergonomics, hand therapy, low vision, and case management.

Applicant Name: _____________________________________________________________

Supervising Occupational Therapy Practitioner Name and Contact Number:

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Name and type of facility: _______________________________________________________

Type of conditions observed: (orthopedic, neurological, acute, geriatric, pediatric, etc.)

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Dates and total hours of observation: ____________________________________________

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