Dear Occupational Therapy Practitioner:

As part of the application process, prospective students are required to obtain a minimum of 16 hours of observation, consisting of at least 8 hours of observation in a minimum of 2 different settings and facilities. They may choose our other option of 8 hours of observation AND taking our online course open to any student interested in OT as a career choice, Introduction to Occupational Therapy.

Students are to complete these observations under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist or certified occupational therapy assistant. Students are not allowed to complete these observations 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. 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 8380
Pocatello, ID 83201

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 discern if this is the career choice for them.

Sincerely,

Joanne Trammel MS, OTR/L
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OBSERVATION FORM

To ensure that all applicants have an understanding of Occupational Therapy as a career, our program requires observation from two different settings. Please fill out one form per observation site. There are two options:

1. Eight (8) hours of observation under the supervision of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant **AND** take Intro to OT (PTOT 2209), completed with a passing grade.

2. Sixteen (16) hours of observation from two different settings under the supervision of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

Examples of setting could be places such as hospitals, rehab units, nursing home, outpatient clinic, schools.

**Observations must have been within the last five (5) years.**

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________

Occupational Therapy Practitioner that supervised observation and phone number:
_______________________________________________________________________

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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OTR or OTA signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________