ISU OTA Applicant Observation

Dear OT Practitioner:

As part of the application process, prospective students are required to obtain a minimum of 40 hours of observation, consisting of at least 20 hours of observation in a minimum of 2 different settings and facilities. We hope that each applicant is able to see the variety of populations and settings that OTP’s work. Applicants may choose our other option of 20 hours of observation AND taking our online course open to any student interested in OT as a career choice, PT/OT 2209 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 Admissions (OTA program)
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,

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