

Models of Fieldwork

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The need to recruit/develop sufficient placements in both existing and new areas of occupational therapy practice, so that students may be provided with a variety of fieldwork opportunities, continues to be an ongoing concern for the occupational therapy community. Clinically, continual changes in the structure of service delivery, expansion of OT into new areas, and an increased number of people working part-time and/or in more than one position/program requires that we consider alternative models of fieldwork in order to accommodate offering fieldwork placements in today's work environment.

These fieldwork model sheets are meant to be used by fieldwork educators as a resource to help them to explore possible fieldwork models that they may be able to use in order to provide fieldwork opportunities for students. Additionally, they serve as a resource for students and fieldwork educators to help them to understand their own roles and responsibilities within each fieldwork model.

This package presents a variety of fieldwork models including:

- 1 Student : 1 Therapist
- 1 Student : 2 Therapists
- 1 Student : 2 Fieldwork Sites
- 2 Students : 1 Therapist
- Full-Time Student : Part-Time Therapist
- The Group Model
- The Part-Time Model

For further information on these models or the Fieldwork Program at the University of Manitoba, please free to contact the Outreach Developer for your region, or Margaret Anne Campbell-Rempel, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator at (204) 789-3992.

Background of the Outreach Development Project:

In spring 2002 the OT Department at U of M initiated a project to support outreach initiatives from the OT department. The Outreach Development Project was designed to strengthen links with fieldwork educators in rural communities, Winnipeg and other urban communities in Manitoba by enhancing the profile of occupational therapy and increasing opportunities for fieldwork education as well as career options for rural-based OTs.

This project has evolved into an ongoing component of the OT Department. At this time, Outreach Developers focus primarily on issues relating to fieldwork. This encompasses increasing fieldwork placements both in number and variety, increasing the capacity of fieldwork educators through education and linking with resources, working with the school to ensure classroom teaching opportunities are reflective of the current scope of professional practice and working with students to develop placement options reflective of their learning needs and career goals. All developers work very closely with Margaret Anne Campbell-Rempel, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator. Outreach initiatives also occur in cooperation with other Departmental initiatives and priorities.



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