

## **INTRODUCTION**

This manual was developed as a resource for the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) students at Nashville State Community College and others involved in the educational process. In addition to specifics related to the NSCC OTA fieldwork program, information related to the academic program philosophy and curriculum is included to provide a broad overview of the OTA program.

Fieldwork information will be reviewed annually and updated as needed. The Fieldwork Manual is mailed to new fieldwork sites when a clinical affiliation agreement is complete. The Fieldwork Manual is also available through the NSCC OTA Program website. Fieldwork Manuals will be redistributed to fieldwork sites upon request.

Individual policy changes within the manual will also be mailed to fieldwork sites.

As you use this manual, we welcome your feedback and questions. We also thank you for your participation in the professional development of our students.

## **FIELDWORK**

Throughout the next four semesters you will be participating in clinical experiences which we refer to as fieldwork. These experiences are designed to allow you to apply the knowledge you are gaining in the classroom to hands-on clinical work. Fieldwork is also designed to allow you exposure to variety of age groups, diagnoses, and practice settings.

This manual is your guide to expectations, responsibilities, and requirements associated with fieldwork.

Each student is expected to abide by the policies within the manual which are based on the standards of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) and the procedures of Nashville State Community College.