

LEVEL I AND II FIELDWORK PLACEMENT POLICY

The NSCC Occupational Therapy Assistant Program makes every effort to place students in fieldwork experiences that will challenge their learning, support their growth, and expose them to a variety of practice areas in traditional and emerging settings.

The NSCC OTA Faculty participates in determining and monitoring fieldwork sites and settings and collaboratively considers students learning goals, site availability and the supervisor's ability to facilitate experiences that compliment the NSCC OTA Program sequence and scope of curricular threads when placing students.

Level I and Level II fieldwork experiences are provided separately to students. Any Level I fieldwork experience does not substitute for any part of a Level II fieldwork experience. Level I fieldwork is provided as part of three OTAP courses (OTAP 1220, OTAP 1240, and OTAP 2110). Level II fieldwork is provided through two OTAP courses (OTAP 2610 and OTAP 2620).

Level I and Level II fieldwork placements are assigned no more than two students with a single supervisor and only if the supervisor agrees and if the fieldwork site can support. More than two students per supervisor will be considered on a case-to-case basis with discussion between NSCC OTA faculty and the fieldwork supervisor.

Student practice areas of interest are considered for each placement. While supporting student's interests, the Program also ensures that students are exposed to a variety of practice areas through fieldwork experiences and individual course observation/fieldtrip opportunities.

The NSCC OTA Program must have evidence of a valid clinical affiliation agreement in place, signed by both NSCC and the clinical site at the time a student is completing a Level I or Level II fieldwork.

Students may not participate in Level I or Level II fieldwork experiences at locations where they have worked (full or part time) while in the Program.