

OTA PROGRAM PROBATION

The OTA Faculty reserves the right to place an OTA student on Program probation status at any time.

Probation may occur for a variety of reasons. These include, but are not limited to:

- Arriving late or missing OTA Program orientation
- Failing a mid-term Professional Behavior evaluation
- Disrespectful attitude towards faculty, fieldwork supervisors, and/or other students

If a student is placed on Program probation, the terms of the probation will be explained to the student, a copy will be provided to the student, and a copy will be placed in the students OTA Program file. Students will be required to sign the probationary letter. Signature does not indicate agreement with the terms, but confirms that the student has reviewed the information and understands the requirements for successful probation completion.

Terms of Probation

Terms of probation may include, but are not limited to:

- Scheduled meetings with the Program Director and/or individual faculty members
- Themed papers (example: prepare a paper that outlines the AOTA Code of Ethics and its implications for student practice)
- Conditions placed on absences and tardiness for OTA classes
- Score requirements on certain portions of the Professional Behavior Competence Document (Example: Student must achieve a “Yes” or “Needs Improvement” on personal hygiene and respect of others to meet probationary conditions)

Consequences of Probation

If a student on probationary status meets 100% of the probation requirements, probation status is lifted and student continues the Program. Probationary letter remains in OTA student file.

OTA Program faculty reserve the right to determine appropriate consequences if probationary requirements are not met to the full satisfaction of the faculty. Consequences will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Consequences include, but are not limited to:

- Dismissal from the Program
- Student is moved from the “2 Year” to the “3 Year” Program
- Delay of Level II Fieldwork

Additional Recommendations

While OTA Faculty cannot require students to seek additional supports, such as testing for learning disabilities or mental health counseling, such supports may be recommended. Student actions toward recommendations will be reviewed and may impact faculty decisions regarding probation completion