



COURSE OUTLINE: OPA227 - FIELDWORK PRACT V

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Course Code: Title	OPA227: FIELDWORK PRACTICUM V
Program Number: Name	3022: OCCUP/PHYSIO/ASSIST
Department:	OTA/PTA ASSISTANT
Academic Year:	2025-2026
Course Description:	This course will provide the student with an Occupational Therapy fieldwork placement which is required as partial fulfillment of the required fieldwork hours for successful completion of the OTA&PTA Diploma. During fieldwork placement, the student will consolidate prior learning, under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist. The student will be encouraged to refine and practice role enhancing skills and demonstrate effective interpersonal skills, competent clinical skills and professionalism. Reflective practice will be emphasized to enhance the learning opportunity and promote lifelong learning. The goal is to provide the student opportunities to reliably demonstrate the ability to perform within the scope of practice of an entry level Occupational Therapist Assistant.
Total Credits:	10
Hours/Week:	40
Total Hours:	200
Prerequisites:	OPA203, OPA204, OPA214, OPA217, OPA219
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:	3022 - OCCUP/PHYSIO/ASSIST
Please refer to program web page for a complete listing of program outcomes where applicable.	VLO 1 Communicate appropriately and effectively, through verbal, nonverbal, written and electronic means, with clients, their significant others, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and members of the interdisciplinary health care team and others.
	VLO 2 Participate in the effective functioning of interdisciplinary health care teams to optimize client physical and occupational functions.
	VLO 3 Establish, develop, maintain, and conclude client-centred, therapeutic relationships.
	VLO 4 Promote a safe environment that prevents or minimizes potential physical or mental harm to the client, therapist assistant and others.
	VLO 5 Practice in a legal, ethical, and professional manner within the role of a therapist assistant.
	VLO 6 Document client records in a thorough, objective, accurate, and timely manner within the role of the therapist assistant.
	VLO 7 Engage in reflective practice and ongoing professional development activities to maintain and enhance competence.
	VLO 8 Perform the roles and responsibilities of the therapist assistant effectively through the application of relevant knowledge of health sciences, psychosocial sciences, health conditions, resource management, and clinical procedures.
	VLO 9 Contribute to the occupational therapist's or physiotherapist's assessment of the



	client and the development, implementation and modification of intervention/treatment plans.				
	VLO 10 Maximize the client's occupational performance by accurately and safely implementing the interventions, and related tasks under the direction and supervision of the occupational therapist.				
Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:	<p>EES 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.</p> <p>EES 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.</p> <p>EES 3 Execute mathematical operations accurately.</p> <p>EES 4 Apply a systematic approach to solve problems.</p> <p>EES 5 Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.</p> <p>EES 6 Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.</p> <p>EES 7 Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.</p> <p>EES 8 Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.</p> <p>EES 9 Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.</p> <p>EES 10 Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.</p> <p>EES 11 Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.</p>				
Course Evaluation:	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory & A minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher where program specific standards exist is required for graduation.				
Other Course Evaluation & Assessment Requirements:	<p>Evaluation will be based on successful completion of the assigned placement hours and timely submission of all relevant documents:</p> <p>Learning Contract S/U (Course Outcome 1) Fieldwork Placement Evaluation S/U (Course Outcome 2-12) Reflection Journal S/U (Course Outcome 1) Placement Feedback Form S/U (Course Outcome 1) Attendance 200 hrs (or as assigned)</p> <p>Evaluation will be based on successful completion of ALL placement hours as assigned and submission of relevant documents by the due dates. In the event a placement is terminated early by the preceptor due to student performance issues an Unsatisfactory grade in the course will be assigned.</p>				
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	development of lifelong learning skills.	and retrospective reflection during fieldwork placement 1.4 Incorporates learning resources and learning strategies applicable to the individual learning style (as per Learning Style Questionnaire in professional portfolio)
	Course Outcome 2	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 2
	2. Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively within the role of an OTA in an Occupational Therapy setting.	2.1 Assists with clerical and administration duties as requested by the fieldwork supervisor or administrative staff (i.e. telephone/computer skills, filing) 2.2 Assists with maintenance duties as requested by the fieldwork supervisor (i.e. cleaning equipment, preparing treatment areas, inventory and ordering of supplies) 2.3 Contributes to the functional assessment and administration of standardized tests 2.4 Produces documentation/records and or educational material concisely, as requested by the fieldwork supervisor 2.5 Assists the health care team with continuous quality improvement process as appropriate (statistics and data collection, program development, chart audits) 2.6 Participates in the intervention of the client, based on treatment recommendations provided by the OT (i.e. modalities, functional activities, ADL training) 2.7 Effectively educate and train clients in the use of assistive devices/adaptive equipment, splints and/or orthotics 2.8 Ensures contraindications, precautions and side effects are considered 2.9 Ensures behaviours and skills are within the scope of practice of an OTA/PTA student
	Course Outcome 3	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 3
	3. Demonstrate skill in assisting and reporting appropriately to contribute to the Occupational Therapists assessments in order to determine a clients need for treatment	3.1 Assists in gathering of referral information 3.2 Contributes to the functional assessment and administration of standardized tests 3.3 Participates in the intervention of the client, based on treatment recommendations provided by the OT 3.4 Listens attentively and actively 3.5 Demonstrates effective clinical observation skills 3.6 Assists in recording and reporting of assessment results as indicated by the OT
	Course Outcome 4	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4
	4. Demonstrate observations skills of monitoring treatment plans outlined by an Occupational Therapist and identify, report and record when changes/modifications may be appropriate.	4.1 Becomes familiar with report formats including: initial assessment, progress notes and discharge summary 4.2 Discusses the role of the OTA regarding documentation/reporting 4.3 Applies clinical observation skills, monitor and report any changes in a clients functional performance/status 4.4 Effectively communicates, both verbally and through documentation, any observations regarding the clients functional performance
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5. Demonstrate the appropriate selection and implementation of activity programs, for a variety of individuals and groups with physical and psychosocial conditions, as prescribed by an Occupational Therapist.	5.1 Reflects on theory based knowledge gained through curriculum when selecting and implementing activity programs 5.2 Ensures contraindications, precautions and side effects are considered when selecting and implementing activity programs 5.3 Demonstrates the ability to perform an activity analysis within a vocational setting (where applicable) 5.4 Under the supervision of the OT, applies knowledge regarding grading of an exercise or an activity 5.5 Demonstrates the ability to conduct/lead a group session (where applicable)
Course Outcome 6	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 6
6. Implement ADL programs and established strategies by the Occupational Therapist for patients with various problems.	6.1 Participates in the ADL Assessment 6.2 Demonstrates ability to provide ADL training 6.3 Demonstrates knowledge and application of remedial techniques and compensatory techniques for functional ADL tasks 6.4 Demonstrates knowledge of assistive devices to assist with functional ADL tasks
Course Outcome 7	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 7
7. Identify and change barriers to a comfortable environment for clients for the purpose of enhancing a clients ability to be involved in program of activities	7.1 Demonstrates effective observational skills of the clients behaviours, changes and responses to treatment 7.2 Demonstrates the ability to modify the environment and provide appropriate assistive devices to optimize function 7.3 Demonstrates the ability to modify the activity to enhance the treatment session 7.4 Ensures client positioning to ensure comfort and function 7.5 Demonstrates the ability to perform basic modifications to wheelchairs to ensure optimum comfort
Course Outcome 8	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 8
8. Demonstrate skill in the application of safety precautions regarding the client and self during therapeutic activities, mobility and positioning procedures.	8.1 Follows health and safety regulations of the clinical facility and is aware of emergency procedures (i.e., isolation precautions, code red) 8.2 Ensures proper body mechanics of self and the client at all times 8.3 Keeps working area safe and clean 8.4 Recognizes changes in clients status and notifies appropriate medical staff 8.5 Demonstrates awareness of precautions, contraindications and side effects when providing interventions 8.6 Demonstrates safe handling techniques during positioning and transferring of clients
Course Outcome 9	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 9
9. Demonstrate effective time management skills and problem-solving skills.	9.1 Demonstrates punctuality (for work, meetings, treatment sessions) 9.2 Demonstrates initiative and self-direction 9.3 Completes any assignments or projects as requested by the OT, i.e. poster board, information package, presentation 9.4 Ensures that tasks on completed task in an effective and



	timely manner 9.5 Begins to apply clinical reasoning skills and problem solving strategies
Course Outcome 10	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 10
10. Contribute and participate in team meetings both within the department and the agency when appropriate.	10.1 Demonstrates the ability to establish rapport with other members of the interdisciplinary health care team. 10.2 Initiates conversations with other members of the interdisciplinary health care team 10.3 Listens attentively and actively to others during team meetings 10.4 Uses appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication during team meetings (ensuring that message sent is consistent with the intended message)
Course Outcome 11	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 11
11. Demonstrate appropriate professional and ethical behaviour while participating in both direct and indirect client care activities.	11.1 Ensures that others (clients and staff) are treated with respect and dignity 11.2 Maintains behaviours consistent with the policies and procedures of the clinical setting (dress code, punctuality, absences) 11.3 Maintains confidentiality 11.4 Manages conflict and accepts feedback in a constructive manner
Course Outcome 12	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 12
12. Demonstrate appropriate communication/listening skills with client/staff, professional personnel and groups.	12.1 Use appropriate communication skills that support therapeutic relationships 12.2 Use professional terminology when communicating verbally 12.3 Demonstrates awareness of non-verbal communication, such as body language, and ensures professionalism at all times 12.4 Interprets non-verbal communication of clients and responds appropriately 12.5 Modifies communication style to meet the individual needs of the client 12.6 Uses effective listening skills and follows through with information obtained 12.7 Asks for clarification when necessary, to ensure accuracy and understanding of information

Date:

December 15, 2025

Addendum:

Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.

