

Pacific University
SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Academic Policy

International Fieldwork Policy

Requirements for International site

According to the "Essentials and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist" (OTA, 1991) international fieldwork is a viable option for Level II Fieldwork when:

- (a) Approved by the academic program.
- (b) Direct supervision is provided by an occupational therapist trained in a WOFT accredited program
- (c) There is no language barrier between student, supervisor, and client population.
- (d) Student's safety and rights are reasonably ensured.

Student responsibilities:

Currently, it is the policy of the School of Occupational Therapy to support an international Level II Fieldwork for students when requested. The faculty of the School OT will consider an international fieldwork placement on a case-by-case basis, and when the following requirements are fulfilled:

- 1) A student assumes full responsibility to make initial contact with potential international sites and secures a site which meets the criteria for Level II Fieldwork, as stated by AOTA and Pacific University. AFWC will provide guidance to the student in this search.
- 2) A student has submitted a formal request on paper which outlines the reasons and objectives for international Level II Fieldwork.
- 3) A student has consistently demonstrated personal and professional skills, maturity and clinical reasoning, as evidenced by scores of 3's and 4's on the professional behaviors in prior level I and II fieldwork evaluations.
- 4) A student's GPA in occupational therapy classes is B+ or higher.

Procedure:

If a student meets the above criteria, the School of OT faculty will meet to consider the formal request and evaluate the student's qualifications.

If permission is granted, the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator will meet with the student to further outline the additional responsibility necessary to complete Level II Fieldwork in an international site.

The student should follow the guidelines for an out-of state fieldwork placement as well as any specific requirements determined by the host country and AFWC.