



Florida Occupational Therapy Association

## Looking for a CEU Course that helps you and the next generation of OT practitioners? Consider this educational seminar provided by FLOTEC

Fieldwork Educators are the key to the education of every occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant.

Your decision to be a part of the select community of fieldwork educators in occupational therapy is appreciated by the Florida Occupational Therapy Educational Consortium (FLOTEC) and the students you supervise.

Without your willingness to provide clinical instruction, OT and OTA programs would be unable to fulfill the goals of their curricula. More importantly, because of your efforts as fieldwork educators, OT and OTA students in Florida have a solid foundation for their professional development.

Please use these suggestions as you plan for your student and work with your student during their internship.

### Enhancing Your Effectiveness

**Share your expectations of the student early in the internship.** *The student wants to know what he/she should be doing to be a successful clinician in our facility.*

**Ask your student what their internship goals and expectations are on the first day.** *This will give you the opportunity to incorporate them into your expectations of the student.*

**Set aside the time to give your student feedback.** *Even 15 minutes each day will foster healthy communication between you and your student.*

**Write down what the student is doing well as well as what needs to be worked on.** *Share this with your student. Record how they responded to the feedback.*

**Plan for your student's project or presentation early.** *Be sure that it meets your department's needs. This provides for a relevant project or presentation for the department or facility.*

**When filling out the CPI, write down your comments first.** This will give you a clearer picture of where you should be placing a hash mark on the VAS.

## Florida Occupational Therapy Educational Consortium (FLOTEC)

The Florida Occupational Therapy Educational Consortium is an organization dedicated to the development, implementation, and support of quality fieldwork education for OT and OTA students. The partnership between education and practice provides leadership for fieldwork education programs and clinical faculty development.

Through open discussion, networking, and aggressive exploration of opportunities and visionary ideas, the group fosters and supports dynamic fieldwork education environments for fieldwork faculty and students. These environments enable the student to transition into a competent and socially responsible professional who understands, responds, and promotes creative problem solving in the rapidly changing, competitive health care delivery system. The Consortium explores, designs, and implements innovations that assist practitioners in the provision of quality learning experiences to meet its mission of excellence in fieldwork education.

**Expect your student to come in everyday with a written plan for each of the patients that will be seen that day.** *Be sure that you express this to the student and ask them what they have planned to do.*

**For the student to become well rounded clinicians, they need to experience administrative responsibilities such as scheduling, marketing and quality assurance.** *Create opportunities for your students to develop these skills. Let the student know how important these skills are.*

**Call the ACOTE if you have any questions or concerns.** The ACOTE is especially trained to assist you with any concerns or challenges you are facing with your student.



<http://floteceducation.org/>

**Mission Statement:** *To Promote, Encourage, and Foster Quality Fieldwork Education in collaboration with Fieldwork Educators for the benefit of all Occupational Therapy Students in the State of Florida.*

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**Working Together for Excellence in Fieldwork Education.**

# 459 OT Practitioners (and some PTs)

## have completed our

# Fieldwork Educator Certification Workshop