



OTA Program

ADVISORY MEETING NOTES

Date: 3/7/25

Time: 5:00 PM

Facilitator: Erin Dolin

Attendance:

- Veronica (Rhanee) Rodriguez
- Danny Pavlovich
- Carmen Yu
- Alyssa Valdez
- Shannon Vasquez
- Helena Reed
- Erin Dolin

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes Approved

Program Update (course/program modifications or new program proposal)

1. Program Updates & Accreditation
 - The program received 59 applications, with 57 qualified applicants.
 - NBCOT data indicates a 100% pass rate, with 14% passing on the first attempt.
 - Program completion rate: 94%.
 - Curriculum update – Added 1.5 units: .5 to OTA-32; >5 to OTA-40 & .5 to OTA-41
2. Faculty and accreditation updates discussed
 - New CORE faculty
 - Interim Report due April 2025
 - New ACOTE standards starting July 2025
3. Fieldwork & Clinical Partnerships
 - The Fieldwork Educator Certification Course (Feb 21-22) was a success, with 27 attendees. Several AFWs expressed willingness to accept more students.
 - Discussion included site availability, student preparedness gaps, and mentorship strategies.
 - ⇒ The group explored DME loaner garage partnerships and potential fall prevention education opportunities for OTA students in the community.
 - ⇒ The CarFit program was proposed for campus implementation; no attendees had direct knowledge but agreed it was a valuable idea.



- Student Success & Professional Development
 - ⇒ Professionalism in fieldwork was emphasized, with discussion on strategies to enhance soft skills, leadership, and job readiness.
 - ⇒ Facility project needs were discussed to align student work with real-world applications.
 - ⇒ Employer feedback highlighted virtual reality as an emerging skill beneficial for OTA graduates.
- 4. Workforce Trends & Employment Outlook
 - Challenges in hiring OTAs were addressed, with input on industry trends, reimbursement models, and evolving service delivery expectations.
 - Discussion of emerging practice areas emphasized the importance of adaptability and technology integration.
- 5. Advisory Board Feedback & Recommendations

Committee Feedback

- Positive feedback about students, local awareness of OTA value, and expanding network of OT professionals with growing pool of OTA's to serve the valley.
- Professionalism in fieldwork was emphasized, with discussion on strategies to enhance soft skills, leadership, and job readiness.
- Virtual reality knowledge = skill beneficial for OTA graduates.
- Community engagement ideas were discussed, with a proposal for OTA students to contribute to advocacy efforts.
 - The board proposed an OT Month social media campaign in April to enhance awareness and student involvement.
- Continue to work on expanding fieldwork sites

Recommendation (from committee to support program modifications or new proposals)

- Collaboration with OT program to facilitate OT/OTA collaboration
- Increase presence of role of Virtual Reality into curriculum (Bioness int. Tx system)
- Community Service & Outreach – on campus clinic possibilities to explore

The committee agrees with recommendations and approves proposed changes, additions, and plans discussed.

The next advisory meeting date - next year: Annual CTE sessions next March/April 2026

Adjourned.



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