Progression Policy Requirements in the Occupational Therapy Program

Students must be in good academic standing (GPA of 2.5) at the undergraduate portion of the program to transition to the graduate level of the curriculum. Graduate students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 to be considered in good standing. Students who have been transitioned to the graduate portion of the program and who have a GPA ranging from 2.5 to 2.9, at the time of the transition phase, must raise their GPA to a 3.0 by the end of the first summer session of the graduate portion of the program.

Students who fail a course must satisfactorily repeat the course prior to moving on to the next course. This also includes all Fieldwork Level I and Fieldwork II courses. Failing a course could result in a student having to "step out" of the curriculum sequence. If the repeated course is successfully completed, the student will then be able to "step back" into the curriculum. The need to "step out" and "step back" in could result in a student registering for a modified curriculum plan which could extend the amount of time it takes to complete the curriculum from the student's initial year of entry.

The opportunity to repeat a Fieldwork Level I course because of failure is limited to one time per fieldwork level I course. The opportunity is offered on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the School of Health Technology and Management's Student Handbook of Policies and Procedures (see section on Academic Standing). Failing two consecutive fieldwork level I placements may result in termination from the program. Failure to successfully complete 3 or more courses during the three-year curriculum will result in the student being subject to termination from the program.

Students must be in good academic standing the semester prior to fieldwork (a GPA of 2.5) during the undergraduate portion of the curriculum and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for ALL graduate level coursework is required for FW II courses. Students must successfully pass all coursework (undergraduate and graduate) as well as all FW courses in order to graduate from the program.
To register for Fieldwork Level II courses (HAO 596, HAO 597, HAO 598) students must have successfully passed all Fieldwork Level I experiences, all undergraduate coursework, received a passing grade of “C” or above in HAO 374 Professional Behaviors I and a grade of “B” or above in HAO 574 Professional Behaviors II. Please note that some FW sites have additional requirements such as drug screening, background checks, fingerprinting, etc. Students are responsible for all expenses related to any additional requirements. You will be informed of these at time of placement.

Students who fail Fieldwork Level II courses may be required to “step out” of the curriculum sequence. The opportunity for remediation and for repeating the failed fieldwork course is offered on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with School of Health Technology and Management’s Student Handbook of Policies and Procedures (see section on Academic Standing). The opportunity to repeat a fieldwork course because of failure or the need for remediation is limited to one time per Fieldwork Level II course. If the repeated course is successfully completed, the student will then be able to “step back” into the curriculum. The need to “step out” and “step back in” will result in a student registering for a modified curriculum plan and extending the amount of time it takes to complete the curriculum from the student’s initial year of entry. Students who fail two consecutive fieldwork placements will be dismissed from the program.