

Progression Policy Requirements in the Occupational Therapy Program

Students must be in good academic standing (GPA of 3.0) throughout their three years in the program, including receiving a minimum final letter grade of a B for each course, except those science courses mentioned previously. 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 Professions' 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 3.0) and during ALL graduate level coursework as a requirement for FWII courses. Students must successfully pass all coursework as well as all FW courses in order to graduate from the program. Successful completion of Level II fieldwork translates as entry level competence, along with completion of all other academic & research requirements; all of this is necessary for you to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy [NBCOT] exam.

To register for Fieldwork Level II courses (HAO 683, HAO 684) students must have successfully passed all Fieldwork Level I experiences and have received a grade of "B" or above in HAO 631 Professional Behaviors. 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 Professions' 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. **All fieldwork MUST be completed within 12 months of coursework.**