

Occupational Therapy Volunteer Experience

Occupational therapy practitioners work in many diverse and unique settings, with clients of all ages and abilities. To obtain a better understanding of the occupational therapy profession, potential applicants are asked to explore the profession using a variety of modalities. A minimum of 40 volunteer/observational hours in a minimum of two settings is a requirement for admission in the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) program. These hours must be completed with a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant. The chart below should be used to document your experiences, and the reflection questions should be answered. This document with the completed chart and reflection questions should be submitted in OTCAS as part of your application. Examples of different settings include an acute care hospital, school-based setting, outpatient pediatrics and outpatient orthopedics. Feel free to explore other settings as well.

Date	Setting/Location Name	Occupational Therapist print name & provide email, phone number and signature	Time Spent	
Ex: 10/3/1887	Foote-Hilyer Hospital	Lela Llorens OTR/L 850-599-0000 heremail@heremail.com	5 hours	

Applicant Name:

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Reflection Questions:

- 1. Discuss the settings and people that were the focus of your volunteer experience. How do they relate to occupational therapy?
- 2. What have you learned about occupational therapy while volunteering? What have you learned about yourself?
- 3. How have the volunteer activities reinforced your desire to become an occupational therapist?