

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE ASSESSMENT TOOL (FEAT)

Student's name:	Supervisor(s) names:	
Facility name:		
Fieldwork experience type (setting, population, level):	Date:	Week #:

Context:

The Fieldwork Experience Assessment Tool (FEAT) is the result of an American Occupational Therapy Foundation qualitative study completed by six occupational therapy programs across the United States and Puerto Rico. Data were collected from fieldwork students and fieldwork educators. In their interviews, students and fieldwork educators described fieldwork education in terms of a dynamic triad of interaction among the environment, the fieldwork educator, and the student. Interviewees indicated that a positive educational experience occurred when a balance existed among these three key components.

Purpose:

The FEAT identifies essential characteristics for each of the three key components. By providing a framework to explore the fieldwork experience, the FEAT can help students and fieldwork educators consider how to promote the best possible learning experience.

The purpose of the FEAT is to contribute to student and fieldwork educator discussions, so that reflection and problem solving can occur to enhance the fieldwork experience. The tool is designed to both assess the balance of the three key components, and to facilitate discussion about student and fieldwork educator behaviors and attitudes, and environmental resources and challenges. By mutually identifying issues present during fieldwork, the fieldwork educator and student can use the FEAT as a

B. Discussion Section: Questions to Facilitate Dialogue and Problem Solving

1. A positive fieldwork experience includes a balance between the environment, fieldwork educator and student components. Collaboratively reflect upon the descriptions outlined by the student and fieldwork educator and identify perceptions below.

Common perspectives between student and fieldwork educator	Different perspectives between student and fieldwork educator
Environment Fieldwork Educator Student	

2. What patterns are emerging across the three key components?

3. What strategies or changes can be implemented to promote a successful fieldwork experience? Describe below:

Components of a Successful Fieldwork	Environment, Fieldwork Educator and/or Student Strategies and Changes to Promote Successful Fieldwor