AOTA Volunteer Fieldwork Educator Credentialing

The AOTA has appointed a committee to prepare a volunteer program whereby fieldwork educators can be credentialed. This is a very important program as it brings us in line with other health professions who already have this type of training available to their fieldwork educators/supervisors. The committee is in the process of reviewing submissions from authors and will be instituting “Train the Trainer” workshops in April.

The modules will include an introduction and background, education competencies, supervision competencies, administration competencies, and evaluation competencies. As a result of the committee feeling strongly about making the fee for this training reasonable, the training will be approximately $75.00. This will be a one time only credentialing; there is not going to be a recertification at this time. There will definitely be PDU’s available for this credentialing process.

Jeanette Koski, our Clinical Education Coordinator, will be applying to be one of the first group of 13 Academic Fieldwork Coordinators to be at the “Train the Trainer” workshop. This workshop application also requires that one fieldwork educator be on her team. If accepted, these two representatives will be able (and obligated) to train a minimum of 25 fieldwork educators per year. Please get in touch with her if you would like to be on her team.

On the 4th of September, 2008, President Michael K. Young presented Kelly Brown with a “Staff Excellence Award.” If you have had any interaction with the Division of Occupational Therapy, you are familiar with Kelly Brown. She is the Administrative Assistant and Academic Advisor for the Division.

Kelly has been with the division for over 9 years. In that time Kelly has positively influenced enrollment in the OT program with her helpful and realistic advice to current and prospective students. She is a fantastic resource for current and prospective students in the program. She is also a great support to the faculty.

Kelly always goes the extra mile on projects and as a result of being creative and clever the faculty often have pronounced her an “honorary OT.” This award was competitive and very well deserved. We’re proud of Kelly’s recognition and all feel incredibly fortunate to have her as a part of the Division.

Important Dates:
- Thanksgiving Break—November 27-28
- SPA Day—December 4, 2008
- Last Day of Fall Semester December 19, 2008
- Adult Level I FW Mar. 2–13, 2009
- Level II spring semester FW Jan. 5–Mar. 27, 2009
- Seminar I Level I FW for community placements Jan. 19–Apr. 17, 2009

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The University of Utah, Division of Occupational Therapy warmly congratulates one of their own, Julie Senn, on her recent promotion in the United States Army Reserves to the rank of Major as of May 30th, 2008, located at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. Julie is currently attached to the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM).

Julie is in her second year of the Occupational Therapy Program. Upon completion of her studies, Julie hopes to pursue a career in the Army providing support and enhancing the future of our soldiers as an occupational therapist.