

# **Administrative and Educational Support Report\***

**Department of Occupational Therapy**

**Annual Action Plan  
Annual Assessment Report**

**June 2006 – May 2007**

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Unit Objective	Strategy(ies) to Achieve Unit Objective	Measurable Outcome for Unit Objective	Assessment Criteria, Evaluation Methods for Measurable Outcome	New Resources Needed in FY07
Student success as entry level practitioners. (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student will pass NBCOT practice examination with a score of 90% or higher before beginning Level</li> </ul>	85% of OT students will pass NBCOT Certification Examination on first attempt by May 31, 2007.	The Department Chair will collect data as supplied by NBCOT as to passing first-time takers of Certification Exam. Achievement of this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize university resources supporting development of test taking skills.</li> </ul>

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	<p>II Fieldwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program will monitor pass rate yearly.</li> <li>• Use NBCOT examination question format and vocabulary construction of tests within courses.</li> <li>• Address test-taking skills.</li> <li>• Faculty will identify content areas significantly below NBCOT mean exam score in that area for first time test takers.</li> <li>• Faculty will prepare a quality improvement plan to increase success whenever established benchmark is not achieved.</li> </ul>		<p>goal will occur when 85% of the students pass the exam on the first attempt. Results will be compiled and analyzed by May 31, 2007.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in operating expenses</li> </ul>

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Foster a culture of OT research partnerships in the department, the college, the university, and the community. (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require tenure track faculty to submit a 3 year research agenda.</li> <li>• Involve students in research presentations.</li> <li>• Support internal collaborative research opportunities.</li> <li>• Develop collaborative research opportunities with practitioners in OT practice settings</li> <li>• Provide mentoring for tenure track faculty.</li> <li>• Provide support for faculty research and grant writing.</li> </ul>	At least one collaborative research project with a practitioner by developed by May 31, 2007.	Department chair will monitor all research activities and will collect data on all collaborative research projects. At least one collaborative research project with a practitioner will be initiated by May 31, 2007.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPSS for all faculty engaged in research.</li> <li>• Additional travel money requested for OT.</li> </ul>

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<p>Enhance community partnerships between educators and practitioners. (3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involve practitioners in admissions process, focus groups, and advisory boards.</li> <li>• Increase the number of fieldwork supervisors and fieldwork sites in the community.</li> <li>• Develop services to fill gaps in the community.</li> <li>• Develop continuing education programs for practitioners.</li> <li>• Encourage faculty and student engagement in community based services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two new community based sites will be developed by May 31, 2007.</li> <li>• One continuing education program will be developed for practitioners by May 31, 2007</li> <li>• At least one service learning project developed by May 31, 2007.</li> </ul>	<p>Two new community based sites developed by May 31, 2007.</p> <p>One continuing education program was held for practitioners by May 31, 2007.</p> <p>Developed one service learning project by May 31, 2007.</p>	<p>Development of a "2" account to support ongoing activities.</p>



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		Exam. Achievement of this goal will occur when 85% of the students pass the exam on the first attempt. Results will be compiled and analyzed by May 31, 2007.	Examination on first attempt. Several students have not yet taken the Exam.	examination before beginning Fieldwork II.

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