Dear OT Practitioner:

As part of the application process for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Idaho State University's College of Technology, prospective students are required to obtain a minimum of 40 hours of observation. These hours can be completed in two different ways.

1. Observation should consist of at least 20 hours each in a minimum of 2 different practice settings and/or practice areas so that students can observe the lifespan. This is to ensure that each applicant is able to see the variety of populations and settings that OTP's work to help them understand how diverse and unique our profession is.

2. Applicants may choose to complete 20 hours of observation AND take our online course open to any student interested in OT as a career choice, OT 2209 Introduction to Occupational Therapy.

Students are to complete the observations under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Therapist or Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Applicants are may use work or volunteer experience if they were able to observe occupational therapy in action.

Attached you will find the form with which to validate that the candidate did complete the observation hours. Along with this form, the applicant is to supply you with a stamped envelope addressed as follows:

Student Services (OTA Advisor)
Idaho State University
College of Technology 921 South 8th Ave.
Stop 8230
Pocatello, ID, 83209

You may complete the form with the applicant on-site, place it in an envelope, seal it, sign across the seal and give it back to the applicant to mail. Or, if time or situation does not allow for immediate completion, you may complete the form later and mail it to the OTA program in the envelope provided.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. The faculty and I thank you for your willingness to assist potential occupational therapy assistant students to discern if this is their career choice.

Sincerely,

Joanne Trammel MS, OTR/L
Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Coordinator