

## **“PLAN FOR SUCCESS”**

As part of the application process for the Wright College OTA program, you are required to write an essay that outlines your plan for success and commitment to the program. If you are accepted into the program, it is imperative that you think about all the factors that could play into your ability to be successful in the completion of the OTA curriculum. Even though the classes do not meet daily, the amount of time a student in the program spends studying and reading, completing assignments, preparing for labs/classes, preparing for presentations, etc. is tantamount to a full-time schedule.

You are to submit an essay that addresses your plans for committing to and being successful in the OTA program. Some examples that were addressed in OTA 106 that can be included are: working while in the program (full-time, part-time, weekends, eventually giving up work), plans for child/parent care (sitter, plan for when scheduled sitter is unable to care for your child due to illness, time off, quitting, etc.), transportation issues (reliable vehicle, no vehicle, public transit system alternatives, gas money, public transit money, parking fees/gas money, vehicle repairs, etc.), school activities that your children are involved in (how your time to work on class assignments/projects when your children have events that you want to attend could be affected), your extracurricular activities (other classes, entertainment, family gatherings, volunteer work, etc.), dealing with unfortunate events (family/personal illnesses, separation/divorce, custody battle, etc.). You are not being asked to divulge any personal issues, just to consider how you will address them if there is the possibility they may affect your academic performance and standing in the OTA Program.

Remember, you will have a Level I fieldwork experience each academic semester that will require up to 32 hours outside of class and might not be able to be completed on weekends, and you will have four (4) months of full-time Level II fieldwork at the end of the classroom experience that you will need to also consider when addressing your plan to be successful in the OTA program. You are not limited to addressing only those areas listed above; you may have areas in your life that need your attention that are not listed here. You need to think now about how you will address any obstacles that could come up and interfere with your ability to be successful in the OTA program so that you can be prepared ahead of time.

You may also use this paper to address your experiences with service, i.e., volunteer experiences. Please describe where you have volunteered, the time of your life (childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, etc.) at the time you did this work, and the type of work that you did or are currently doing. Also, include a detailed summary of any military service that you have performed. **This does not include the observation hours in an OT setting for this application.**

**The essay is to be typed, 2-4 pages in length, and included with your application materials.**

**Provide your responses to the following:**

1. Identify a situation in which you had a **conflict** with at least one other person. It could be something that happened at work, at school, within your family, etc. Describe in detail the process in which you handled the situation. Please do not use the real names of the individuals involved.
2. Describe an issue that involved some type of **prejudice or bias** that you dealt with directly. Include the steps that you took to solve the issue as well as the outcome(s). How did the experience impact you and your views, your outlook on life, your approaches to dealing with others, etc.? Again, do not use real names of the individuals involved.

These responses are to be typed and included with your essay when you submit your application materials.