Northwood Technical College Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork Handbook

HEALTH STATUS

The Northwood Tech Health Sciences Programs Health Form must be filled out no sooner than 90 days before the date it is due.

The physical examination must be completed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Print the Physical Examination page for the health provider to complete and sign. Scan the signed page and save it to submit or upload. The physical examination must be completed within the past year. If a physical has been completed within the past year, request that your provider complete the Physical Examination page. No substitute documentation is allowed for the Physical Examination page.

Official documentation is required for proof of history of infectious diseases or immunizations. Attach official health records documenting infectious diseases or immunizations to this form. You may be able to get your official immunization record from your healthcare provider or from a state immunization registry. <u>Wisconsin Immunization Registry</u> Other states may also have an immunization registry.

If you require accommodations as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, work directly with the Northwood Tech campus Accommodation Specialist and your instructor prior to beginning coursework.

Print and sign the release of information at the end of the form. Scan the signed form and save it to submit or upload.

Before submitting the health form to your instructor or uploading it to an online platform (CastleBranch), make a copy of the completed form for your records.

Students are expected to promote and maintain their own optimal level of health. They must assume responsibility for protecting themselves and others from hazards such as infection and radiation. A student's ill health is detrimental to patients and others.

Students may not participate if

- they have a communicable disease.
- there is likelihood of transmission (such as fever, open lesions or weeping dermatitis, skin infection, eye infection, or acute respiratory infection).

Clinical/fieldwork/practicum/professional practice experience absences may result in course failure. If the student is absent for two consecutive clinical/fieldwork/practicum/professional practice experience days due to illness, the student may be asked to provide a physician's written statement that the student's health is acceptable to return.

The student is expected to maintain clinical/fieldwork/practicum/professional practice required health records every semester. If your recurring requirements are not up to date (BLS, TB, Tdap, and Influenza) you will be withdrawn from your clinical/fieldwork/practicum/professional practice courses.