

Thank you so much for your support and commitment in 2016 to our students' education. You are an amazing bunch of clinicians, we have placed all our 2017 Fieldwork 4 students with quality fieldwork placements.

As you know fieldwork is a third of our programme so our students could not complete their programme without your support. At the start of the 2017, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who supported our students throughout the previous year, and we say a big thank you to each and every one of you!

25 year Celebration



2016 marked the school's journey over the last 25 years. Local occupational therapist's and friends of the school joined in to celebrate 25 years of occupational therapy at Otago Polytechnic. As part of the celebrations the staff from their team rewards donated resources to local community groups. celebrations. It was lovely to see our colleagues from the local Dunedin area at this event.





Goodbye & Good Luck!

Carol Merrilees resigned from her position as lecturer/fieldwork associate earlier this year and has taken up the role of a professional advisor back in her hometown of Nelson.

We wish her all the very best in her new role.



Welcome!

Jenna Collie started working at Otago Polytechnic in May 2016.

She has recently joined the fieldwork team. Jenna has previously worked in mental health, addictions and Vocational rehab.

She has just completed a Masters of Health Practice in Mental Health and Addiction. On a personal note, Jenna enjoys sports including running, hockey and playing touch.

2017 Fieldwork Planners

Thank you for your placement offers for our Year 3, six-week student placement starting on 13th February.

A planner for the remainder of the Otago Polytechnic fieldwork placements for **2017** will be sent out soon. We look forward to receiving your offers.

The dates for the **2017** placements are:

Fieldwork 4 (Year 3, 6 weeks) - 13 February to 24 March (already allocated).

Fieldwork 1 (Year 1, 4 weeks) - 29 May to 23 June.

Fieldwork 3 (Year 2, 7 weeks) - 17 July to 1 September.

Fieldwork 6 (Year 3, 8 weeks) - 25 September to 17 November.

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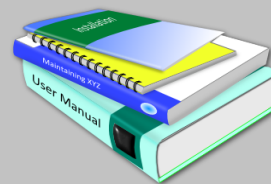
Proposed Site Visits

Proposed Fieldwork Educators Workshops

Every year the Fieldwork Team values the opportunity to visit several sites around New Zealand to keep abreast with current practice, connect with supervisors and collect feedback on our students' performance. Site visits for 2017 have yet to be finalised. Please let us know if you would like a visit or an educators workshop in your region.

We can offer the Effective Supervisor Workshop or the Managing Challenging Student Situations Workshop. For more information please contact us.

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We have updated the fieldwork manual for both staff and students. Overall, the content remains similar to the previous manual we have just tried to make this information more clearer.

When you next supervise a student the fieldwork team will discuss the updated manual with you during a preplacement teleconference.

Please let us know if you have any comments on the new manual as we would appreciate any feedback.

Thank you in advance.