



MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital

INFORMATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS

- Upon arrival:** The Inpatient Occupational Therapy service is located on the 2nd fl, west side of the building. Please stop at the security desk when you arrive to pick up a visitors ID badge and let the officer know that you are an OT student and ask them to page your supervisor.
- Service hours:** Monday – Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm are the usual hours. Your hours may vary depending on the hours of your clinical instructor. Students are expected to work at least 1 Saturday toward the end of their rotation.
- Dress Code:** Professional attire is required. No jeans or scrubs, no shorts, sweats, and no logos on any attire. No tank tops less than 2 inch straps, capri pants must be mid-calf length. You must wear closed toe and flat shoes. Clean sneakers are permitted. No tattoos showing, no excessive perfume, and no outside pagers or cell phones are permitted on the patient floors.
- What to bring:** Relevant text books and class notes from academic coursework are recommended for level 2 students. Please bring a watch with a second hand and your own supply of black pens, pencils, etc.
- Parking and Transportation:** You can either drive or take public transportation (metro or bus). Please see [Directions & Parking](#) on our website. Complimentary shuttle services to and from the hospital are offered from Columbia Heights Green Line metro stop and Brookland/CUA Red Line metro stop. Visit the Metro website for more information. If you choose to drive, park in one of the 2 garages on campus on your first day and bring your ticket in for validation. You will visit the garage parking office to find out your assigned parking lot (off campus). Free parking is NOT available for Level 1 students. Level 1 students, who drive and choose to park on campus, will be expected to pay the daily rate.
- Meals:** The MedStar NRH Dining Room is open for breakfast and lunch. Students are entitled to an employee discount with their ID badge. A refrigerator and microwaves are available in our service area should you choose to bring lunch. Vending machines are located in the Dining Room. There is an atrium café serving Starbucks coffee in the lobby.
- Orientation:** Level 2 students are expected to attend Traditions, our half day hospital orientation within their first 2 weeks of starting. We will schedule you for either your 1st or 2nd Monday. Service orientation is throughout your first 2 weeks.
- Housing:** We do not provide or guarantee housing as part of your fieldwork.
- Questions:** Neepa Shah, OT Supervisor and Clinical Education Coordinator at 202-877-1509 or neepa.shah@medstar.net if you are a scheduled student.