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# A Multisource Feedback Approach to Facilitate Student Performance in Fieldwork

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

Participants will be able to identify multiple sources of feedback methodologies to facilitate improved student performance on fieldwork.

Participants will be able to analyze the relationship of effective feedback in the evaluation of student performance on level II fieldwork using outcomes data.

Participants will apply and explain specific feedback methodologies as a multisource approach to facilitate improved student performance on fieldwork.

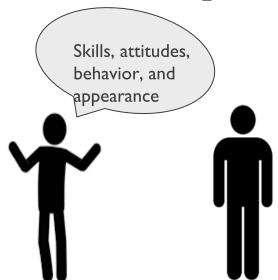
# What has been your experience with giving feedback to students?



#### WHAT IS FEEDBACK?

Specific information comparing a standard and a student's observed performance

■ Intent to improve performance



(Burgess et al. 2020; Gnepp et al. 2020; Snyder, 2018; Wisniewski et al., 2020)

#### WHAT IS FEEDBACK?

- Process of informing students of your perceptions of their performance
- Provides students with guidance or direction on performance





### IMPORTANCE OF FEEDBACK

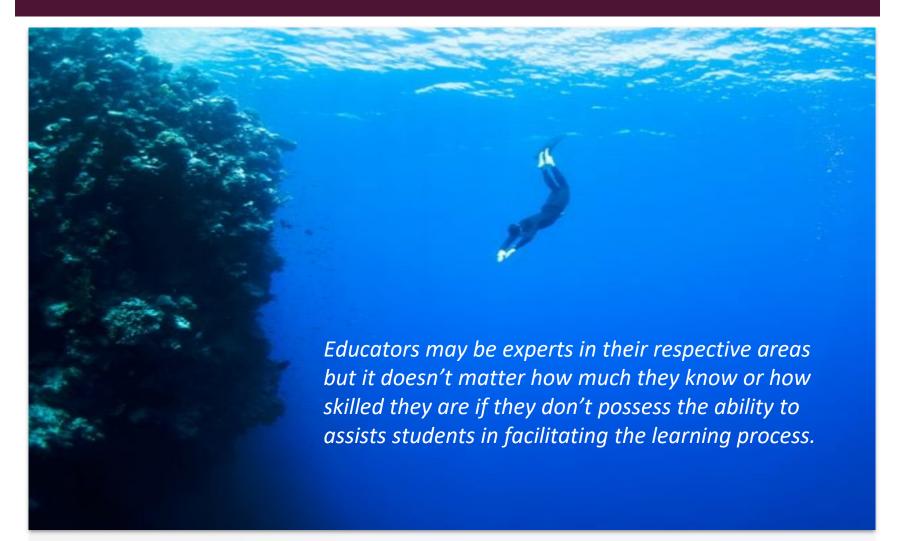
Facilitates Learning Enables students to succeed

Trait of a good preceptor



Students value feedback

# Before we take a deeper dive.....

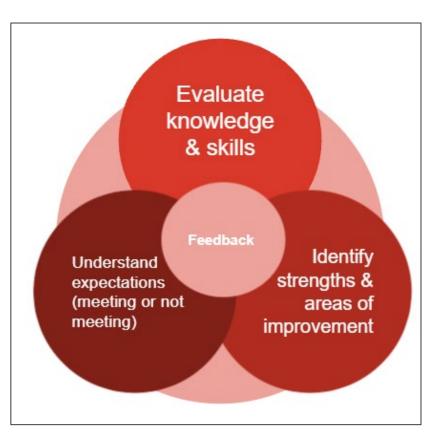


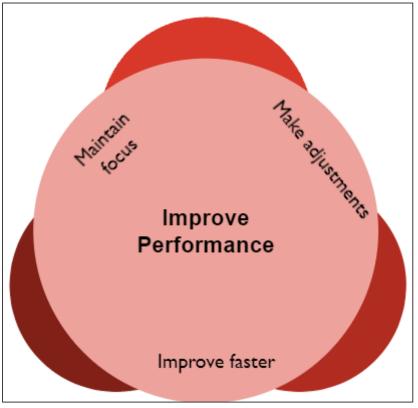
# ADULTS AS LEARNERS



(Costa, 2015)

# Feedback Helps Learners....

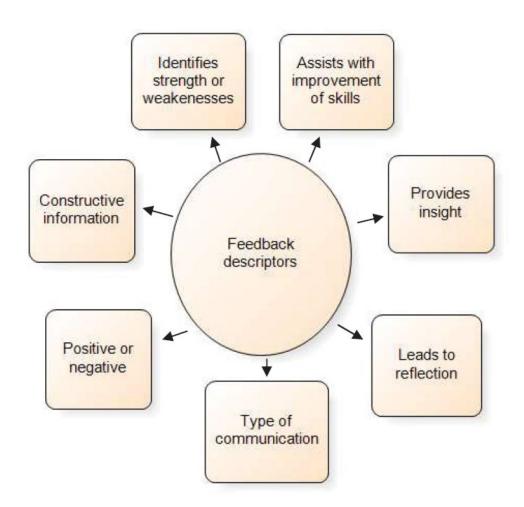




#### RECEIVING FEEDBACK

- How do I feel when I receive positive feedback?
- If I am doing well, why do I need feedback?
- How do I feel when I receive constructive feedback?

# Students' Meaning of Feedback



#### PROVIDING FEEDBACK

- How do I feel when I must give positive feedback to someone else?
- How do I feel when I must give constructive feedback to someone else?

# Setting the Stage....



#### ....FOR EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK

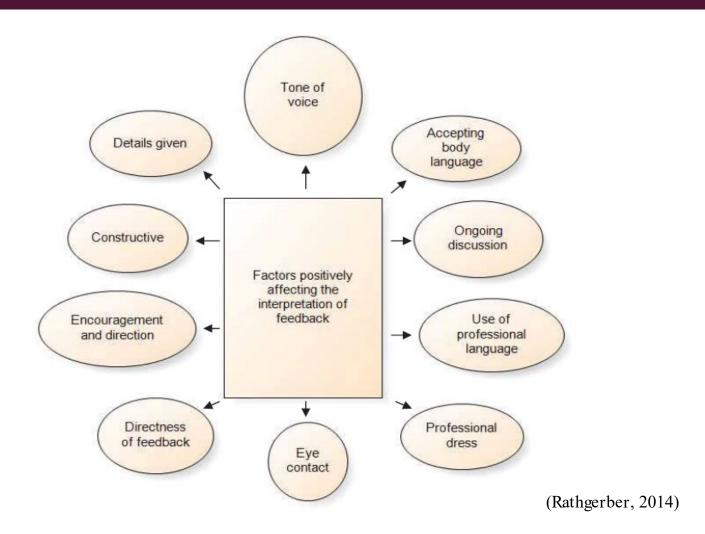
- Interview/Orientation
  - Expectations
    - 8 Week or 12 Week Schedule
    - Site Specific Learning Objectives (SSLOs)
  - Student learning style vs. fieldwork educator teaching style
  - Good fit
  - Reiterate expectations

#### Structured Feedback Model

- 1. Ask the learner what went well
- 2. Tell the learner what went well
- 3. Ask the learner what could be improved
- 4. Tell the learning what could be improved



# Factors positively affecting feedback receptivity



#### KEYS TO EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK



- The learning environment should foster feedback
- Effective feedback has potential to improve skills and change behavior
- Using a structured feedback format assist in self-reflection and the provision of clear, and constructive advice
- Learning should be deliberately designed to inspire students to engage in feedback

#### TYPES OF FEEDBACK



#### WRITTEN FEEDBACK

- Formal and informal
- Permanent
- Understandable
- Selective
- Specific
- Timely
- Nonjudgmental
- Transferable
- Forward-Looking

(Costa, 2007a; Gnepp et al., 2020; Hardavella, et al., 2017; Svinicki & MCKeachie, 2014)

#### VERBAL FEEDBACK

■ More active

■ May be time consuming



- Promotes discussion between giver and receiver
- Constructive feedback may be more difficult to deliver face to face

#### AUDIOVISUAL FEEDBACK

- Use of audio or visual recording
- Requires consent
- Videotaping is preferred as audiotaping does not record nonverbal behavior
- May cause anxiety for person being recorded

(Costa, 2007a)

#### SELFREFLECTIVE FEEDBACK

- Use of journals
- Allows for self-identification of successes and challenges to facilitate personal growth



#### OTA 398 eJOURNAL REFLECTION

Student Name: Fieldwork Site				
Fieldwork Educator:		Level of Supervision:	Direct Supervision	□ Middle □ Line of Sight
Week#:				
DATES	DIAGNOSES/PROBLEMS		TREATMENT ACTIVITIES	
List the dates you worked with the	Discuss 2 clients you worked with this week. Client #1		Summarize the treatment activities you used with each client.	
client.				
	Client #2			
Personal Assessment:				
My Strengths as a FW Student My W		My Weaknesses as a FW Student	Specific P	lan to Improve Performance

Comments:

#### OTHER TYPES OF FEEDBACK

#### 1:1

- Allows for privacy
- Able to address more sensitive issues

#### Group

- Facilitates collaborative learning among peers
- Maximizes time efficiency

#### VIRTUAL FEEDBACK













#### FEEDBACK IS EFFECTIVE WHEN

- Credible
- Considers the stage of professional development
- Includes both positive and constructive information
- "T" versus "You" statements are used

- Verbal and non verbal communication match
- Received from multiple sources
- Comprehension of receiver is ensured
- Delivered using different methods

# "CORBS"

- Clear
- Owned
- Regular
- Balanced
- Specific

#### FEEDBACK IS CLEAR

- Be clear ...
  - Say what you mean
- Being vague and faltering will increase anxiety in the receiver and may not be understood

#### FEEDBACK IS OWNED

- The feedback you give is your own perception and not an ultimate truth
- It says as much about you as it does about the person who receives it
- Use "I" statements
  - "I found that ..." rather than "It's obvious that..."

#### FEEDBACK IS REGULAR

- Feedback given regularly is more likely to be useful
- Try to give the feedback as close to the event as possible and early enough for the person to do something about it

#### FEEDBACK IS BALANCED

- Balance positive and constructive feedback
- If feedback to an individual is always either positive or negative, your view is likely distorted in some way
- Critical feedback does not always need to be accompanied by something positive but rather a balance should be created over time

#### FEEDBACK IS SPECIFIC

- Generalized feedback is hard to learn from
  - "You talk too much," can only lead to hurt and anger.
- Be specific
  - "You talk too much to the client while you are administering an assessment," gives the receiver some information which he or she can choose to use or ignore
- The behavior should also be observable.

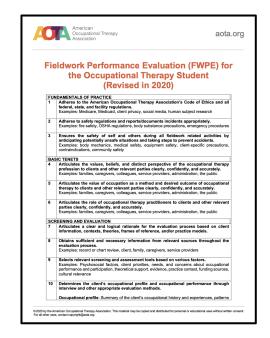
Using the Fieldwork Performance
Evaluation (FWPE) & Site Specific
Learning Objectives (SSLO)
to Guide Student Feedback

# FIELDWORK PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (FWPE)

- Measures entry-level competence
- The purpose of evaluating the student is to give feedback on whether the student is at entry-level or not rather than evaluating the degrees of performance above entry-level

(AOTA, 2003; AOTA 2020))

Rated on a 4 point scale:
 Exemplary, Proficient,
 Emerging and Unsatisfactory
 Performance



#### FEEDBACK & THE FWPE

- Objectively assess student performance
  - 8 or 12 Week Schedule
  - Site-Specific Learning Objectives
  - Weekly Supervision Meeting Forms
- Use specific examples to objectify performance and support feedback previously provided

Occupational Therapy Program Level II OTAS Fieldwork Weekly Supervision Form Student name Fieldwork Educator #1: Fieldwork Educator #2: Fieldwork Site Fundamentals/Basic Tenets of Practice Areas of Strength Areas of Need University of North Dakota Occupational Therapy Student Weekly Review Form adapted by Sheila Moyle, OTD, OTR/L and Bridget Trivinia, OTD, MS, OTR/L

(Costa 2015)

# Using Outcomes Data to Examine Effectiveness of Feedback Strategies

PIO Question:
Are specific feedback strategies
more effective in facilitating
behavior change in level II
fieldwork students?

## **Setting & Participants: Erica**

- Level II Fieldwork Students enrolled in a Masters of Occupational Therapy Program in an large metropolitan, Research I Institution, *n*= 40
- Student participants were enrolled in their second Level II Fieldwork Experience

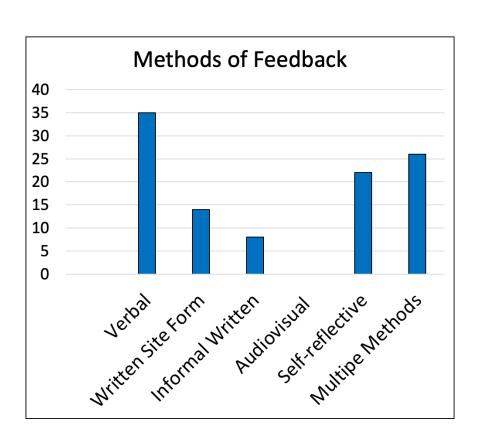
Inpatient Rehab, <i>n</i> =1	Community-based, <i>n</i> = 10
Adult Outpatient, <i>n</i> =3	School Based, <i>n</i> = 2
Acute Care, <i>n</i> =6	Pediatric Outpatient, <i>n</i> =8
SNF/SAR/LTC, n=7	Mental Health, <i>n</i> =3

# Methodology

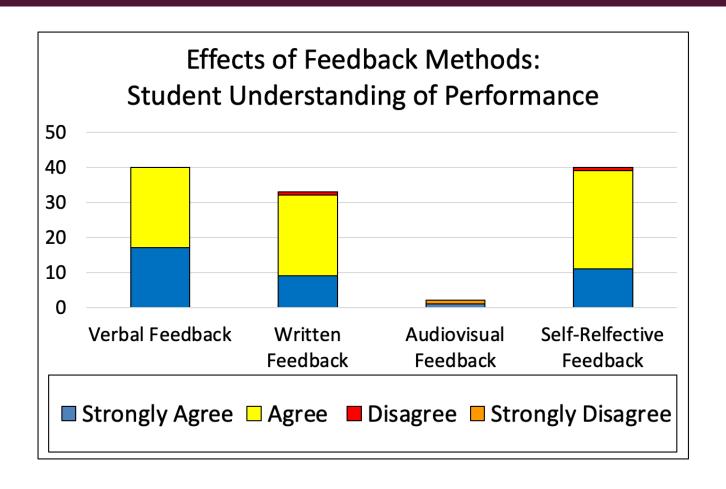
- Exempt from Institutional Review Board
- Study built off a 14-question multiphase pilot study
- Participants completed the survey at week 6 of the Level II Fieldwork course
- Survey was modified to include additional questions examining:
  - Types and frequency of various feedback methodologies utilized
  - Students' perceptions of the effectiveness of these methodologies



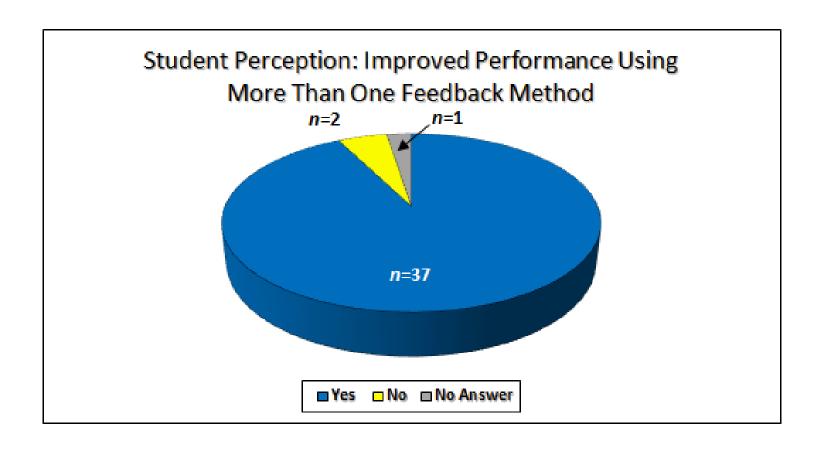
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# Qualitative Outcomes: Advantages

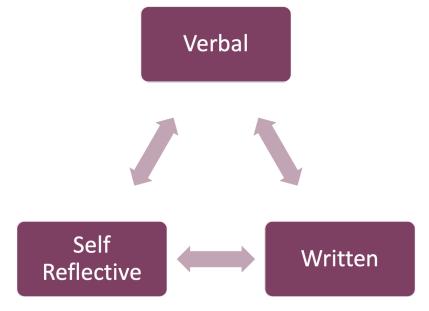
MSF Advantages	
Written allows reflection/reference later	28%
Increases understanding	22%
Verbal promotes discussion/collaboration	19%
Increase self-reflection	19%
Creates target areas of focus for improvement	16%
Emphasizes important ideas	11%

# Qualitative Outcomes: Disadvantages

MSF Disadvantages	
Overwhelmed	11%
Not a disadvantage	39%
Depends on student/learning/context	5%
Inconsistency	8%
Received one type of feedback	5%

#### Conclusions

- MSF increased students' awareness of areas in need of growth
- MSF can be perceived as confusing & overwhelming to the student if not implemented in a structured and systematic method



## **Next Steps**

- Increase the number of participants
- Diversify sampling to include OTA and OT programs in varied geographic areas
- Examine similarities and differences in providing feedback in face-to-face versus virtual context
- Continue to train fieldwork educators & students in the effective use of MSF:
  - Use of various methodologies
  - Skillful and intentional approach to implementation



#### Case Scenario #1: Professionalism

Joe is an OT student completing his Level IIB fieldwork at Shady Lane Elementary School. As a "mature" student, he prides himself with his level of professionalism as he has a background in pharmaceutical sales. Despite his life experience and strong academic performance, Joe is challenged in the school setting. His FW Ed has provided feedback on several occasions regarding his performance. However, the FWEd states no change in performance has occurred and that Joe appears defensive and as if he "could care less" when the concerns are discussed.

- How would you provide feedback constructively?
- What type of feedback would you try next?

# Case Scenario #2 Modifying Therapeutic Approach

Stella is currently completing her Level IIA fieldwork at Sunny Hill Rehabilitation Hospital on the CVA unit. Stella is approaching week 4/8 during the rotation and consistently needs assistance upgrading/downgrading activities and relating intervention to the client's goals. Stella continues to utilize the same intervention approach repetitively even after her FWEd has suggested that she needs to attempt something more clientcentered for each specific patient. Her fieldwork educator has attempted to educate Stella with verbal feedback, but Stella shuts down and becomes tearful when the educator corrects her.

- How would you provide feedback constructively?
- What type of feedback would you try next?

#### Case Scenario #3: Clinical Practice Skill

Marcy is currently in week 5 of a Level II FW placement at Friendship Subacute Rehabilitation Center. The FWFd has instructed Marcy on proper patient guarding techniques during dynamic standing balance tasks. On two occasions, the FWEd has had to speak to Marcy about being either too far away from the patient or too busy talking with the patient to notice the safety concerns. Despite addressing these safety concerns, Marcy has not modified her performance.

- How would you provide feedback constructively?
- What type of feedback would you try next?

# Questions

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