to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:11 PM)

Entry level MOT program. We meet with each student after they take the OTKE and discuss strengths and areas for growth. Students take the OTKE just before their second level II FW in prep for NBCOT exam

I meet with each student for about 20-30 minutes. Students have to write a specific “study plan” to improve low score areas.

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:13 PM)

My institution traditionally uses the OTKE as a summative exam and if they are below the threshold we create a remediation pathway including tutoring and additional exams via TrueLearn.

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It is nice as the PD to see how our students do over time so we can make curricular changes as needed.

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:14 PM)

However we don’t get much data from it so how does it guide your curricular changes? Curious to hear thoughts from others.

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:14 PM)

Could someone summarize the information you receive and how that helps you tailor student learning?

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:16 PM)

We also use it with Therapy Ed, and also purchase for graduates who have taken it multiple times unsuccessfully

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:16 PM)

We use the exam as some data toward our Program Evaluation. We have a student learning outcome that states "Graduates will apply foundational concepts, knowledge of occupations, and reflective practice to competently practice as an occupational therapist." and our goal is that as a cohort averages equal to or above the national average

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We then have the students look at their individual outcomes and develop a study plan for taking the actual exam

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We use it at the end of the coursework and then again at the end of Level II FW.  Each time the students and I go over their scores individually to map out some areas of need for studying.  They are required to take it to proceed.  As long as they take it, they can proceed.

Celeste Alexander to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:16 PM)

You receive both individual student data and class data performance by domain and tasks within each domain.   Information is provided by percentages.

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:16 PM)

I used at my previous program, same as Lisa discussed above between the first and second Level II FWs. They were required to create a study plan. I feel it makes them think about preparation/studying earlier. We also used it as an outcome measure for program eval.

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:17 PM)

Going forward we plan to look at pre-level II and capstone and then post to help guide potential curricular changes

to Everyone (Jan 7, 2025, 8:18 PM)

With board practice tests, our faculty give the test in a 'testing center like' atmosphere too. This helps them get used to the 'feeling' of the test.

Same here. We had them take it in the school's testing center.

0:24:08 to Everyone:

I wish the OTKE score reports were comparable to NBCOT scoring. I never know how to answer the question, "how would this translate to the potential NBCOT score?"

20:24:31 to Everyone:

YES! .....I have the same question!

20:24:56 to Everyone:

Therapy ed weekly office hours are a great way help students prepare and listen to the clinical reasoning. It is free every Tuesday and they post recently-recorded sessions online

20:25:02 to Everyone:

Exactly- I would love to see more large-scale correlative data.

20:25:18 to Everyone:

Students take OTKE then the TherapyEd course about 2 months later.

20:25:29 From to Everyone:

Here is a great article https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7325415/#:~:text=The%20Occupational%20Therapy%20Knowledge%20Exam,PDPortal%2FOTKE%2FOTKEHome).

20:25:49 to Everyone:

We’re hoping to add TrueLearn this semester.

20:27:42 to Everyone:

What are the costs per student for the OTKE and Therapy Ed? And how are programs funding this?

20:28:28 to Everyone:

Yes! It is very time consuming

20:28:31 From iPhone to Everyone:

Yes the downloading process is painful!

20:29:01 to Everyone:

I designate one of my admin assistants as a delegate in my NBCOT PD portal and then they admin assistant does all the downloading/naming for us!

20:29:30 to Everyone:

Our students love the platform on TrueLearn and find it easy to use. We make quizzes as well throughout classes.

Costs are wrapped into our tuition for us. I want to say approximately 200/head for each (TrueLearn is a year subscription). I would need to double check sorry for rough estimate.

20:29:40 to Everyone:

OTKE was $25 per student and we budget for it, Therapy Ed ~ $325.00 and we do not fund, we recommend don't require ~ 20 of our 40 student cohort took it we do see those that take it do better

20:29:45 to Everyone:

The OTKE is $25 per student, our program pays for each student to take it prior to Level II

20:30:59 to Everyone:

Ah yes $330 per head for TherapyEd course and book

20:31:21 From to Everyone:

We have the cost for Therapy Ed built into tuition and then we have budgeted for the OTKEs as supporting our Strat Plan

20:32:20 From to Everyone:

Students can sign up to allow PDs to view scores

20:32:35 to Everyone:

Exactly

20:32:45 to Everyone:

Prior to the exam

20:32:53 to Everyone:

I like that we can now see alumni scores. This is a new feature that is very helpful.

20:33:58 From to Everyone:

Replying to "I like that we can n…"

How can we see this? Thanks!

20:35:11 to Everyone:

We dropped our GRE requirementt

20:37:10 From to Everyone:

Does anyone understand how the OTKE average score is calculated? By students taking the exam on that specific day? By month? Within a certain time frame?

20:37:51 to Everyone:

Yes, , I have similar thoughts and concerns

20:37:59 to Everyone:

I was having the same thoughts

20:38:00 to Everyone:

Times and students are very different now

20:38:08 to Everyone:

OTKE is also about helping students prepare to take the NBCOT formatted exam. Not just the content but the format of the questions.

20:38:09 to Everyone:

I think a part of the problem is that the curriculum is designed to meet ACOTE standards but the NBCOT is based on current practice survey

20:38:16 to Everyone:

Agreed. I also find a disconnect between ACOTE and NBCOT

20:38:22 From to Everyone:

Good thoughts!

20:38:46 From to Everyone:

We had a nurse go through our program and she said our exam was so much more difficult

20:40:22 to Everyone:

Replying to "We had a nurse go th…"

I’m at a school with a large nursing program and the admin says well our nursing students get 97-100% on their version of the otke exam (ATI) and clearly ours is a very different beast.

20:42:10 From to Everyone:

Hello, newer OTA program here. We are examining use of the OTKE vs. the OLX from TherapyEd. Wondering if anyone could share the advantages/disadvantages they find between the two?

20:42:32 to Everyone:

Does anyone understand how the OTKE average score is calculated? By students taking the exam on that specific day? By month? Within a certain time frame?

20:43:16 to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone understa…"

It does change so I expect based on the current year as it goes by, since all OTKEs were revised January 2024.

20:44:01 to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone understa..."

We administer two to three times a year. The average score changes within a year that is why I posed the question.

20:44:52 to Everyone:

NBCOT has just released a new one day in person workshop as well. Also pricy.

20:45:32 to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone understa…"

Right, I think it’s like a “live” average.

20:45:52 to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone understa..."

I thought the same too. Thank you!

20:46:58 From to Everyone:

We generally have positive feedback from therapy ed course

20:47:17 to Everyone:

Yes. My students like practice exams in a simulated setting

20:47:21 Everyone:

Students appreciated taking the OTKE.

20:47:23 to Everyone:

Ours find it helpful but compared to TrueLearn and TherapyEd you never know how you do on items.

20:47:53 to Everyone:

And we don’t know either since we can’t access the OTKE right? So we have no idea what’s on it.

20:47:54 iPhone to Everyone:

They like it but sometimes need lots of info on how to use results

20:47:58 to Everyone:

My students like the OTKE. The students said they felt the OTKE was nore challenging than the TrueLearn exam

20:48:42 From Tom Mernar to Everyone:

Does anyone have a remedial program or coaching model for students who are not successful on the OTKE (ex. not meeting the national average score) on one or more attempts? Any advice would be appreciated!

20:49:04 From to Everyone:

Yes, test-taking and reading comprehension skills are key. And can be taught. It’s why gre is not necessarily a valuable and accurate measure. That’s a big concern I have.

20:50:07 From Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone have a r..."

Hi That is a great idea. We are a developing OTD program and don't have anything yet.

20:51:21 to Everyone:

Test taking strategies are vital and also building their reasoning skills helps them be more successful on the exam. Also, helping them understand how NBCOT writes test questions is key for students to understand. They follow the OT Process very CLOSELY!!

20:51:28 to Everyone:

Replying to "Does anyone have a r…"

Good question- nursing has a very structured program (ATI) with remedial modules that are individualized to testing results. We cobble together resources and tutoring from our faculty.

20:51:46 to Everyone:

If the national data is "live" and not set, we are all probably getting different numbers that we are basing our estimates on. Makes me reconsider using it as a tool.

20:52:10 to Everyone:

How do you use the OTKE results to review your curriculum for categories, such as Risk Management if a certain number of students score lower here? What resources for searching what all falls under Risk Management?

20:52:16 to Everyone:

It hovers at very similar levels around 59-60% average from what I’ve seen over two years.

20:54:06 to Everyone:

Replying to "How do you use the O…"

I don’t think you could get that level of detail from otke results. But TrueLearn is more detailed and then we can build in questions into classes, review our content and assessment…

20:54:19 to Everyone:

I was an item writer for NBCOT for over 10 years. In my experience the questions in some of the exam prep books do not follow the format of the questions on NBCOT. I am assuming the questions on the OTKE do.

20:54:49 to Everyone:

Just a follow up to earlier. My understanding is the OLX now offers data back on student performance on the domains, content areas needing study with corresponding chapters in the review study guide. It also provides data on the different critical reasoning skills (inductive, inferential, analytical, deductive, an evaluative skills).

20:55:04 to Everyone:

Replying to "Just a follow up to ..."

However, you don't have national averages.