

**Project Title:** Bridging the gap between theory and practice: Implementation of T-RES for occupational therapy fieldwork placements

**Project Summary** *(150 words maximum)*

This project will design, pilot and evaluate a web-based tool that allows students to record their daily patient encounters and reflect on these learning experiences while in the placement setting. Reflective practice is often advocated as a means of bridging the gap between theory and practice. In the Master of Occupational Therapy program, students complete over 1000 hours of fieldwork (31 weeks in total) as part of their training. Currently, there is no method to track their individual placement experiences or a method for them to systematically reflect on these experiences. This project will provide (a) the tool for occupational therapy students to track placement activities with accuracy, which in turn will be fed back to the placement coordinator so that the placement matching process can be strengthened, and (b) an easy to use tool to support students' personal reflection.