

Talking points for how schools are prepping for OTR/COTA collaboration

- Do you remember having a class, or at least working on a project where you collaborated with COTA students if you were in OTR school or OTR students if you were in COTA school?
 - o What was the class like?
 - o Did you find it meaningful?
 - o What do you remember from it?
 - o Do you feel this adequately prepared you for the “real world”?
- We reached out to multiple OTR schools in MI and around the country, as well as many COTA schools within MI.
 - o Interestingly, only the COTA schools were the ones that got back to us.
 - o All the COTA schools that responded reported that they have been pairing with the local OTR school for a small project, mixing the COTA and OTR students together.
 - o These projects included providing the students with various scenarios they had to work out. Also included giving them case studies for them to determine what needed to be done and who would do what throughout the clients care from eval to DC.
 - o The COTA students frequently responded that the OTR students did not always know the scope of what the COTAs were able to do, and were usually surprised at what they were able to do.
- Do you think that this is taught well in class?
- What changes, if any, would you recommend?
- There are many continuing education classes available for more information on this topic.