



MedStar Health

## **Expectations for inpatient occupational therapy students.**

Our program requires strong time management and organizational skills, a willingness to receive and provide feedback, flexibility, and the ability to handle stress. We are an extremely busy and fast-paced environment - students should plan to complete assignments and patient-care planning outside of regular work hours as needed (1-3 hours per day). It is also recommended that you limit your commute time as this can be a big stressor, especially for students from outside the area.

As a student, you are expected to carry a caseload of 6-7 patients and a group by the end of your fieldwork and be competent to evaluate, treat, discharge plan, order equipment, manage your schedule, and communicate with the interdisciplinary team regarding a basic patient in your assigned unit. We do not require a project, however an opportunity to present a 15- to 30-minute case study or evidence-based practice article may be available.

Our clinical supervisors have all completed a required clinical instructor course and have more than one year of clinical experience. We are an organization that values education and our students, and we make every effort to provide a structured and well-rounded experience.