

Leaping Forward

Weekly Report 02/26/18 to 03/02/18

This week has been very symbolic of leaping and bounding towards a larger goal. I have completed a second mentor visit, submitted my ISM 2 Application, redesigned my portfolio, and scheduled an observation at a pediatric OT clinic in Frisco. Even though I have already determined that OT does not completely fulfill my passion for psychological studies, I have decided to make the most of what the remainder of this year has to offer regarding professional experience.

My second mentor visit was very significant in that my mentor and I discussed my final product and came to the conclusion that rather than create an actual life-sized model of the Sensory Room, I will simply create a smaller prototype. This is because of both liability and cost issues. If a child might potentially become injured on my structure, I would have to deal with the liability concerns of the parents. Mrs. Petranek also informed me that the financial obligation of what I originally planned to do would reach well over several thousand dollars. Therefore, it is in my best interest and that of the community to create a prototype meant to inspire OTs rather than create an actual usable room.

Redesigning my portfolio has also been a significant step forward because it has allowed me to further brand my work. Rather than blank pages with only text, the title pages and dividers in my portfolio are branded with my color scheme and classy geometric borders. This allows my portfolio to have a more professional and personal touch as well as express my unique work.

Finally, this week has given me the opportunity to schedule an observation period later this week at Speech & Occupational Therapy of North Texas in Frisco. This is the clinic where one of the OTs I interviewed works, and she explained that she would be happy to have me watch a therapy session as long as she verifies with the parents of the patient first. This will hopefully be a wonderful experience because it will give me greater insight as to what I should implement in my final product to help it be geared more towards the needs of children. Through this hands-on experience and the professional progress I have made this week, I plan to push forward in order to create an innovative as well as informed final product.