

Universities Select Home for Life Design's Mobile Solution For Occupational Therapy Curriculum's

Boston University and Western Michigan University choose Home for Life Design's Home Assessment Tool for standardized evaluation of patient homes

Home for Life Design, (www.homeforlifedesign.com) the leader in home assessment software for students, professionals, hospitals, and rehab centers, is pleased to announce that Boston University and Western Michigan University have selected Home for Life Design's Mobile software solution for education and classroom training of Occupational Therapy (OT) students in home evaluations for aging and disabled patients. Designed for home health professionals, the solution allows students and healthcare professionals the capability to assess and evaluate the home using mobile devices and make recommendations for creating a safe environment based on the patient's limitations and specific health concerns. Created from 10 years of research and best practices in home health, the assessment tool is quickly becoming the industry standard for home evaluation.

"We chose Home for Life Design's software for our students because it provides the most comprehensive evaluation of the home and gives our students real world experience with an innovative tool that is being adopted throughout the industry" said Dr. Karen Jacobs, EdD, OTR/L, CPE, FAOTA, Clinical Professor and Director for Boston University's Occupational Therapy Distance Education Program.

Home for Life Design's mobile application and integrated web portal enables home health professionals such as OT's to perform home assessments in the field and generate comprehensive electronic reports for patients, doctors, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers. Adapted for the student environment, universities can now offer students a digital alternative to paper forms and processes while preparing them for careers in healthcare.

"Western Michigan delivers to students the latest technology in healthcare service. Through the use of Home for Life Designs solution, we are preparing them to increase the level of efficiency and performance in Occupational Therapy," said Dr. Debra Lindstrom PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, of Western Michigan University.

Carolyn Sithong, Chief Health Officer at Home for Life, said, "Bringing new and innovative tools that help OT's expand the quality and consistency of healthcare for the aging and disabled is the goal of our efforts at Home for Life Design and is in line with our profession's Centennial Vision. By working with Boston University and Western Michigan University, we are creating a new generation of service to the healthcare market. Our software solutions for universities give aspiring OT's the latest technology in the classroom that they can then take into their careers."

Home for Life Design offers comprehensive software products and systems for the Aging in Place and home healthcare market. Combining the best practices of healthcare professionals with an innovative technology platform, Home for Life is leading the mobilization of the healthcare industry. Visit us at <u>www.homeforlifedesign.com</u> or contact us at info@homeforlifedesign.com to see how we can help you and your organization take the next step in healthcare innovation.

About Home for Life Design

Home for Life Design is a leader in software systems for the Aging in Place and Home Health market. Our



mobile technology and expertise enables consumers and healthcare providers to facilitate new, innovative services for people and patients aging in place. Our products and services are revolutionizing best practices for therapists, hospitals, rehab centers, and universities by extending healthcare delivery to the home. We deliver to our customers the latest technology to make them more efficient, productive, and integrated with the ever changing needs of healthcare delivery. We are making sure that 73 million Americans can stay in their home for life.

About Boston University

Boston University College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College is an institution of higher education, which fosters critical and innovative thinking to best serve the health care needs of society through academics, research, and clinical practice. As reported by U.S. News and World Report, its graduate programs in Speech-Language Pathology and Physical Therapy are ranked in the top 8% of all programs while Occupational Therapy is #2 in the nation. For more information and to learn about degree programs in occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, language and hearing sciences, health science, athletic training, human physiology, behavior and health, and nutrition, visit<u>bu.edu/sargent</u>.

About Western Michigan University

The College of Health and Human Services at Western Michigan University is a leader in transformative education, practice and research in health and human services. The Occupational Therapy program is among several of the college's graduate programs consistently ranked by U.S. News and World Report in the top 50 programs of their kind, and it is the most highly ranked OT program in Michigan. It is also the home of the Sammons Center for Innovation and Research in Occupational Based Technology (http://wmich.edu/occupationtechnologycenter), which offers innovation grant awards for occupational–based technology to help people participate more effectively or independently. The Sammons Center's first grant was awarded this year to - Home for Life Design.

For more information about the college and degree programs in audiology, occupational therapy, physician assistant, vision studies, speech-language pathology, social work, nursing, and interdisciplinary health sciences and services, visit <u>www.wmich/edu/hhs</u>.



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