What are OT students concerned about in Fieldwork?

**Themselves**
- Unsure about their role as a student
- Doubts about their level of knowledge and skill for the placement
- Lack confidence in relating to clients
- Unsure about their ability to deal with client behaviors
- Fearful about their reaction to situations
- Will they pass the placement?
- Will their goals for the placement be met?
- How will the knowledge they gain fit into the academic program?
- Will I be doing and not just observing?
- Will I be able to handle situations where I have had no training?
- Do I have the right skills to fit into the role of OT at the placement?

**Their FW Educator**
- Developing a good relationship with their supervisor
- Unsure of the level of supervision they will receive and the level of independence they will need
- How stringently will they be evaluated
- Will they meet their FE Educators expectations?
- What happens if they don’t get along with the FW educator?
- Will they receive a fair evaluation?
- How much can I say to my FW Educator?
- Will the FW Educator have expectations that are too high and don’t match my preparation?

**The placement**
- Anxious about liking the environment they are exposed to in fieldwork
- Will the environment overwhelm them?
- What additional tasks will they need to do while they are there?
- What if client contact is limited or too much?
- What theoretical framework will the facility use?
- How many assignments will be required?
- Will there be opportunity to develop a level of competence in any skill?

(Mackenzie, 2002)