

**Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Placement:
Experiences of Female Occupational Therapist during their
study period in Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI)**

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Abstract

CBR placement is an important placement through which OTs can gain experiences from different dimension such as physical, social and cultural view. Aim of the study is to explore the experiences of Female Occupational Therapist who have been completed four weeks Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Placement during their study period in BHPI. The objectives were to find out the female Occupational Therapist opinion (positives or negatives) about CBR placement in community setting during their study period, to find out the challenges (physical, religious, environmental) of female Occupational Therapist to conduct CBR placement in community setting during their study period, to find out how community people accept female OT students while provide services in their house and to find out community peoples' expectation from female Occupational Therapist. The study was qualitative phenomenological perspective where the researcher explored the experiences of female students about CBR placement. 10 samples were chosen based on purposive sampling. Five themes were emerged from content analysis of data. Those are: Participant's positive opinion about CBR placement, learning opportunity, the challenges of participants experienced during CBR placement, different understanding about OT & female OTs and community people have varied expectation from female OTs.

Key words: Occupational Therapy, Community Based Rehabilitation clinical placement.