

Combined Degrees: Health Science B.S./Occupational Therapy O.T.D.

Effective May 17, 2024 FYS1020 and CAR0010 will no longer be requirements in our undergraduate programs.

The College of Health & Wellness offers students an opportunity to earn both their undergraduate and graduate degrees through its Combined Degrees: Health Science B.S./Occupational Therapy O.T.D. program. This program enables qualified students to earn, in a continuous plan of study, both a B.S. degree in Health Science and an OTD in as little as six years.

Qualified students are able to complete nine core Occupational Therapy doctoral courses that will count toward their undergraduate Health Sciences degree. Visit the Health Science B.S. degree and Occupational Therapy O.T.D. degree program pages for program descriptions and outcomes.

Requirements

Eligible undergraduate students who would like to pursue the Combined Degrees: Health Science B.S./Occupational Therapy O.T.D. program should apply directly for the program by November 15 of third year through the Centralized Application Service for Occupational Therapy Programs (OTCAS) system. Qualified students who elect the Combined Degrees: Health Science B.S./Occupational Therapy O.T.D. program as an undergraduate student must fulfill all admissions requirements for entrance into the intended doctoral program and complete a graduate program application. If admitted to the OTD program, students will begin graduate study in the summer between their third and fourth year.

Health Science

A four-year program leading to a bachelor of science degree

Major Courses

BIO1011	General Biology - Cellular	3
BIO1016	General Biology Laboratory - Cellular	1
BIO1022	General Biology - Organismal	3
BIO1026	General Biology Laboratory - Organismal	1
BIO2003	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO2006	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1
BIO2013	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO2016	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
HSC1010	Introduction to Health Professions	1
HSC1100	Determinants of Health	3
HSC1230	Introduction to Public Health	3
HSC2100	Epidemiology	3
HSC2400	Research Methods for Health Science	3
HSC4900	Data and Evidence in Health: Research Capstone	3

Applied/Experiential Learning

Choose 6 credits from the following		6
CHW4799	College of Health & Wellness Internship ^{lc}	
DEE3999	Directed Experiential Education ^D	
Study Abroad ^{Sa}		

Related Professional Studies

CAR0010	Career Management	1
CHM1000	Foundations in Chemistry	3
CHM1006	Foundations in Chemistry Laboratory	1
CULN2414	Cooking for Health and Wellness	3
FYS1020	First-Year Seminar	1

Arts and Science Core Experience

Communications Foundations Courses		9
ENG1020	Rhetoric & Composition I	
ENG1021	Rhetoric & Composition II	
ENG1030	Communication Skills	
Integrative Learning		6
Two ILS courses, one at the 2000 level, one at the 4000 level		
Arts and Humanities		6
PHIL3240	Ethics: A Global Perspective	
One course from ART, HIST, HUM, LIT, or REL		
Mathematics		6
MATH1020	Fundamentals of Algebra	
MATH2010	Introduction to Biostatistics	
Science		3
SCI1050	Nutrition	
Social Sciences		6
PSYC1001	Introductory Psychology	

One course from ANTH, ECON, GEND, LEAD, PSCL, RES or SOC		
A&S Electives		6
Two courses with an EASC attribute		
Free Electives[#]		
8-9 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university.		8-9
Doctoral Courses[*]		
OTD7015	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3
OTD7030	Human Occupations and Participation Across the Lifespan	2
OTD7070	Introduction to Fieldwork	1
OTD7110	Kinesiology	4
OTD7130	Occupational Therapy Assessment and Theory Across the Life Span	3
OTD7160	Human Conditions I	3
OTD7170	Occupational Performance and Participation in Groups	3
OTD7190	Research I	3
OTD8220	Research II	3
Total Credits		122.0-123.0

* Students use 17 credits from major electives, 4 credits from related professional studies and 4 free elective credits for doctoral-level courses in the Occupational Therapy O.T.D. during their fourth year.

^{lc}Typically, internships require a minimum of six credits. Students interested in a 9 or 12-credit internship can apply additional experiential learning and free elective credits, if available. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty advisor before scheduling internship and free elective credits.

^DDirected Experiential Education (DEE) opportunities are based on project availability with community partners and student eligibility. For more information, visit Experiential Education & Career Services (EE&CS).

^{Sa}To be eligible to count toward Applied/ Experiential Learning, a Study Abroad offering must meet certain requirements. Contact JWU Global to discuss eligible Study Abroad options for this degree program.

Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

Core Courses

OTD7015	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3
OTD7030	Human Occupations and Participation Across the Lifespan	2
OTD7060	Occupational Perspective on Health	3
OTD7070	Introduction to Fieldwork	1
OTD7110	Kinesiology	4
OTD7130	Occupational Therapy Assessment and Theory Across the Life Span	3
OTD7160	Human Conditions I	3
OTD7170	Occupational Performance and Participation in Groups	3
OTD7190	Research I	3
OTD7210	Neuroscience	4
OTD7260	Human Conditions II	3
OTD8140	Healthcare Systems and Policy	3
OTD8215	Introduction to Capstone I	2
OTD8220	Research II	3
OTD8235	Occupational Therapy Practice I	5
OTD8280	Level IA Fieldwork	1
OTD8310	Leadership and Advocacy	3
OTD8320	Research III	3
OTD8330	Theoretical and Clinical Reasoning in Context	3
OTD8345	Occupational Therapy Practice II	5
OTD8380	Level IB Fieldwork	1
OTD8395	Program Development and Grant Writing	2
OTD8420	Technology and Innovation in Occupational Therapy	2
OTD8455	Occupational Therapy Practice III	5
OTD8480	Level IC Fieldwork	1
OTD8520	Introduction to Capstone II	3
OTD8540	Contemporary Concepts in Occupational Therapy	2
OTD8560	Teaching and Learning in Occupational Therapy	2
OTD8660	Occupational Therapy Practice IV	5
OTD8720	Level ID Fieldwork	1
OTD9810	Level IIA Fieldwork	9

OTD9860	Level IIB Fieldwork	9
OTD9910	Doctoral Capstone Project	3
OTD9920	Doctoral Capstone Experience	10
Total Credits		115.0

Note: Students must pass MATH0010 Pre-Algebra or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math courses.

Note: Students must pass ENG0001 Writing Workshop or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in ILS 2000-level courses.

The Johnson & Wales University entry-level occupational therapy doctoral (OTD) degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is **ACOTEonline.org**.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.