

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

## Curriculum

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

CHW4799	College of Health & Wellness Internship <sup>lc</sup>	6
DEE3999	Directed Experiential Education <sup>D</sup>	
Study Abroad <sup>Sa</sup>		

### 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, PSCI, RES or SOC		
A&S Electives		6
Two courses with an EASC attribute		
<b>Free Electives<sup>#</sup></b>		
8-9 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university.		8-9
<b>Doctoral Courses<sup>*</sup></b>		
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
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>122.0-123.0</b>

\* 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.

<sup>lc</sup>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.

<sup>D</sup>Directed 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).

<sup>Sa</sup>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
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>115.0</b>

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 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is [ACOTEonline.org](http://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.

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.

In collaboration with academic colleges across all JWU campuses, JWU Global Study Abroad programs offer a variety of international, domestic, and digital options for major, minor, free electives, experiential learning, and transferable courses. There are many affordable options for students during a semester, winter session, spring and/or summer breaks. Faculty-led, exchange, affiliate, and direct-enroll programs range in duration from one week to a full semester or full year. Financial aid may be applied, and some partners offer external scholarships. Premiere programs do not qualify for JWU scholarships or grants; however federal aid is available. Visit the study abroad website for information, program descriptions and online applications. Where will you go? Wherever you decide, make the best of your educational journey!

## Admissions Requirements

### Undergraduate

Johnson & Wales University holistically reviews all elements of a student's application to identify those students most likely to succeed at the university.

For students applying as a first-year student, a completed application and high school transcript(s) are required, except in circumstances where a student is homeschooled or where the traditional high school transcript is, for various reasons, not available. For students applying as a transfer student, a completed application, high school and/or college transcript(s) is required for admissions review.

Successful candidates for first year admission have taken a high school, college preparatory academic program including English, mathematics, science, social science and foreign language. Science programs require students to have successfully completed Chemistry or higher level science. Students who apply for admission and do not meet the requirements will be reviewed for admission into another science program. Admissions decisions may also consider individual experiences and particular circumstances unique to each student. Other considerations are made based upon recommendations, writing ability and extracurricular activities.

**Visiting campus**, both in-person or virtually, and interacting with admissions staff are all valuable ways of assuring that JWU is the right university for you.