

Occupational Therapy Doctorate - OTD

The entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree program is for students with an earned baccalaureate degree, who have completed explicit prerequisites, to enter the profession of occupational therapy. Students receive an entry-level practice degree at the clinical doctoral level. The doctoral degree in the profession includes extensive education and training in normal development, structure, function and impairments in body systems and body functions, and participation problems, concerns and solutions. There is also work focused on advanced practice including clinical reasoning, occupational therapy theory, evidence-based practice, research, and advocacy and leadership. Graduates are prepared to work with individuals, groups, communities and populations to implement programs inclusive of occupational therapy services. Inter- and intra-professional education and practice models are emphasized. The culminating project is the degree outcome.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Assist clients with maximizing health, well-being, and quality of life through interventions that support normal human development and functioning.
- Provide effective client-centered solutions utilizing evidence-based practice.
- Facilitate and support client participation in occupations.
- Practice collaborative leadership as an occupational therapy professional.

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Core Courses

OTD7020	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	2
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 Lifespan	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
OTD8210	Management and Entrepreneurship	3
OTD8215	Introduction to Capstone I	2
OTD8220	Research II	3
OTD8240	Occupational Therapy Practice I	6
OTD8250	Occupational Therapy Practice II	6
OTD8270	Technology & Innovation in Occupational Therapy	3
OTD8310	Leadership and Advocacy	3
OTD8315	Introduction to Capstone II	2
OTD8320	Research III	3
OTD8330	Theoretical and Clinical Reasoning in Context	3
OTD8340	Teaching and Learning in Occupational Therapy	3
OTD8350	Contemporary Concepts in Occupational Therapy	3
OTD8360	Occupational Therapy Practice III	6
OTD8370	Occupational Therapy Practice IV	6
OTD9810	Level IIA Fieldwork	9
OTD9860	Level IIB Fieldwork	9
OTD9910	Doctoral Capstone Project	3
OTD9920	Doctoral Capstone Experience	10
Total Credits		117.0