

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORATE (OTD)

The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) is a school housed within The Ohio State University’s College of Medicine. SHRS is nationally recognized as a leader in practice-based health care education. For more than five decades, SHRS has prepared students to achieve personal and professional excellence as they pursue an exciting career in healthcare.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD) prepares students for a dynamic health care profession engaged in functional rehabilitation of individuals with physical, psychological, or developmental disabilities as well as wellness and disability prevention. The OTD program emphasizes translation of research to occupational therapy practice and application of evidence based practice clinical guidelines. The program will provide students with opportunities to participate in and lead interprofessional teams. There will be multiple opportunities for students to develop skills in measurement, data collection and analysis of outcomes and application of standardized clinical guidelines beyond the generalist level of preparation. There is an increased emphasis on emerging areas of practice including prevention and health promotion. Additional practicum opportunities will strengthen and deepen the student’s ability to apply evidence to practice. Students will be offered the opportunity to participate in systematic review, development of clinical guidelines and quality assurance processes. These will all lead to advanced skill development in a practice area and/or in management and leadership. Students complete five semesters of fulltime coursework and, then 6 months of fulltime fieldwork. Students will return for one semester of advanced practice skills development and knowledge acquisition followed by a 14-week Capstone.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program is competitive. Applicants whose credentials are the most complete and who present the highest qualifications are accepted for admission. Completion of the stated selection criteria does not assure admission to the OTD program.

1. **BACHELOR’S DEGREE:** A bachelor’s degree (B.S. or B.A.) from an accredited North American college or university or comparable degree from a recognized foreign college or university must be earned prior to the start of the program.
2. **PREREQUISITES:** Completion of the following prerequisite courses or acceptable approved equivalents with a grade of C or higher. Prospective applicants should match course descriptions listed at the division’s web page with those of courses offered at their respective institution. Applicants are also encouraged to use transferology.com to determine equivalences. Prospective students should contact the HRS Graduate Program Manager at HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu to have transcripts evaluated to ensure all prerequisites have been/will be met before the start of the program. Please allow 2-3 weeks for results.

*Abnormal Psychology (PSYCH 3331)	Introductory/General Biology (BIOLOGY 1101, 1102, or 1113)
* Human Anatomy (ANATOMY 2300 or 3300)	Elementary or General Statistics (STAT 1350, 1450, etc.)
*Human Physiology (EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3200)	Intermediate or Technical Writing (ENGLISH 3305 or any 2367 course)
Introductory Sociology (SOCIOLOGY 1101)	Medical Terminology (HTRHSC 2500)

- Anatomy, Physiology and Abnormal Psychology must be completed within 5 years and **NO LATER** than the end of Fall Semester prior to the start of the program. Not having these three courses completed by the end of Fall Semester will automatically disqualify an applicant from consideration.
- Lab sections of Physiology and Anatomy courses are recommended but not required.
- If Anatomy and Physiology courses are offered as a combined course, two courses of the combined anatomy-physiology content are required (ex: A&P I and A&P II).
- Course credit awarded through Advanced Placement (AP) exams may be applied toward direct equivalent prerequisites.

- Courses are not accepted as Pass/Fail or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. Courses must be taken for a grade.
 - If Sociology, Intermediate Writing, Biology, Medical Terminology, and/or Statistics are not completed at the time of application, students must indicate on the supplemental application when these courses will be taken prior to the start of the OTD program.
3. **GPA:** Academic achievement is demonstrated by the cumulative grade-point average and the grades earned in the program prerequisites. The GPA will be computed using ALL grades earned from ALL institutions attended, and only applicants with a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application will be evaluated for possible admission.
 4. **GRE:** Competitive GRE (Graduate Record Exam) scores. Information on the GRE is available online at www.gre.org. GRE scores are only valid for 5 years from the date of the examination. GRE scores must be sent to OTCAS using the OSU OT code: **#7415**.
 5. **HOURS OF OBSERVATION:** A minimum of 40 hours of observation in occupational therapy under the direct supervision of a licensed and practicing occupational therapist is required. Applicants must document experiences in **at least two** of four areas: mental health, acute care/rehabilitation, pediatrics/school-based setting, or geriatrics. OSU does not require verification of hours; applicants are responsible for accurately documenting these hours to enter into their OTCAS application. Please review the OTCAS application instructions for the information you'll be asked to record: <https://portal.otcas.org/otcasHelpPages/instructions/supporting-information/observation-hours/>
 6. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** All OTCAS applicants are required to submit a personal statement as part of the general application. Your statement should address why you selected OT as a career and how an Occupational Therapy degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals. Describe how your personal, educational, and professional background will help you achieve your goals. The personal essay is an important part of your application for admission and provides you with an opportunity for you to clearly and effectively express your ideas.
 7. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** All OTCAS applicants are required to submit contact information for three to five references. Your references will be asked to complete an evaluation on you and attach a letter of recommendation. Recommenders should be professors or instructors, current or former employers, coaches from a collegiate sports team, or supervisors in a clinical or non-clinical volunteer experience. Applicants are not permitted to use family members for evaluations.
 8. **INTERVIEW:** An interview will be offered to qualifying applicants and are by invitation only. Qualifying applicants will be invited to an open house to complete interviews.
 9. **TOEFL (International Students ONLY):** A minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 on the paper-based test (or 79 on the internet version) will be required of applicants whose native language is not English. A minimum score of 82 will be required on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). Contact TOEFL at www.ets.org/toefl/ for test information and registration materials. An alternative English proficiency test, International English Language Testing System (IELTS) will also be accepted with scores of 7 or higher.

HOW TO APPLY

The program has a three-step application process:

1. **OTCAS APPLICATION** – Applicants must first apply using the centralized application service, OTCAS (www.otcas.org). All sections of the OTCAS application must be complete.
2. **VERIFICATION OF THE OTCAS APPLICATION** – OTCAS will then go through the process of verifying your application. Please note that the verification process can take up to 6 weeks if an application is considered complete. If you neglected to provide them with all of the information they need, this part of the process could take longer than 4 weeks. If an application remains unverified by OTCAS, it will be considered incomplete and not reviewable.
3. **OSU's SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION** – Once the application has been submitted and verified by OTCAS, applicants will receive an e-mail from OSU with instructions on how to complete the OSU supplemental application and pay the supplemental application fee. Applications that remain unverified by OTCAS will not receive a supplemental application. If applicants have any questions, they should call the SHRS Admission's Coordinator at 614-292-1706 or e-mail at HRS.Admissions@osumc.edu.

For more information about the occupational therapy profession, please visit the American Occupational Therapy Association's website at: <http://www.aota.org>

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday, July 17, 2020** – The 2020-2021 OTCAS application opens
- **Thursday, October 1, 2020** – OSU's OTCAS submission deadline
- **Tuesday, May 25, 2021** – OSU's OTD program begins

CONTACT US

Should you have any questions regarding the application requirements or process of applying, please contact us @ HRSGraduateStudentServices@osumc.edu.

The OTD program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The Ohio State University's Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) Program Curriculum

SUMMER YR 1 – 7 credits Introduction to Profession	AUTUMN YR 1 – 14 credits Foundations of the Profession	SPRING YR 1 – 16 credits Foundations of Practice
AN 6000: Advanced Anatomy (5) OT 6110: Occupational Therapy Foundations & Theory (2)	OT 6120: Occupations in Life and Community (2) OT 6130: Occupational Therapy Introductory Skills: Therapeutic Use of self/groups (2) (Lecture) OT 6131: Occupational Therapy Introductory Skills: Therapeutic Use of self/groups (1) (Lab) OT 6140: Occupational Therapy Task Analysis & Core Skills (3) OT 6150: Neuroscience (2) OT 6730: Research Methods I (2) HTHRHS 7900: Evidence-Based Practice I (1) OT 6160 Assessing Occupation: Fundamentals of Biomechanics (1)	OT 6189: Mental Health fieldwork (1) OT 6210: Neuromusculoskeletal and Sensory Function (3) (Lecture) OT 6211: Neuromusculoskeletal and Sensory Function (2) (Lab) OT 6220: Mental Health and Cognition Function (3) (Lecture) OT 6221: Mental Health and Cognition Function (1) (Lab) OT 6251: Advanced Topics: Physical Agent Modalities (1) (7 weeks, 2 nd session) OT 7310: Occupational Therapy with Young Children (2) (Lecture) OT 7311: Occupational Therapy with Young Children (1) (Lab) OT 7440: Fieldwork Preparation (1) HTHRHS 7910: Evidence-Based Practice II (1)
SUMMER YR 2 – 10 or 11 credits Practice with Diverse Populations	AUTUMN YR 2 – 12 or 13 credits Engagement in Occupation and Practice	SPRING YR 2 – 9 credits Fieldwork
OT 6230: Orthopedics in OT (4) (12 weeks) OT 6510S: Service Learning (1)* (8 weeks) OT 6740: Clinical Guidelines and Health Planning (2) (8 weeks) OT 7260: Occupational Therapy with Older Adults (2) (8 weeks) OT 7320: Occupational Therapy with School Age and Adolescents (2) (8 weeks)	OT 6289: Level I Fieldwork (Physical Function) (1) OT 6389: Level I Fieldwork (Pediatrics) (1) OT 6510S: Service Learning (1)* [8 weeks] OT 7270: Occupational Performance, Environment & Context (3) (Lecture) OT 7271: Occupational Performance, Environment & Context (1) (Lab) OT 7280: Advanced Topics in Geriatrics (1) (Lecture) OT 7281: Advanced Topics in Geriatrics (1) (Lab) OT 7411: Assistive Technology (2) OT 7447: Fieldwork Preparation II (1) OT 7710: Capstone Preparation (1)	OT 7189: Level II Fieldwork (9)
SUMMER YR3 – 10 credits Fieldwork	AUTUMN YR 3 – 9 credits Advanced Practice	SPRING YR 3 – 11 credits Capstone and Doctoral Experiences
OT 7189: Level II Fieldwork (9) HTHRHS 8998 Practicum (1)	OT 7350: Advanced Topics in Pediatric Practice (2) OR OT 7780: Advanced Topics Neurorehabilitation Practice (2) OR OT 7790 Advanced Topics in Orthopedic OT OR OT 7770 Advanced Topics in Assistive Technology OT 7420: Management (3) OT 7430: Supervision & Consultation (2) OT 7720: Capstone Project Proposal (2) <i>Candidacy (Comprehensive) Examination</i>	OT 7389: Specialty Practicum (Doctoral Experience) (9) OT 7730: Capstone Project Completion (2) Return to Campus for Presentations and Graduation!
TOTAL CREDITS: 99 <i>*may be taken in Summer or Autumn semester</i>		