

FIVE YEAR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

****This curriculum is for freshman and transfer students who have not earned a bachelor's degree.**

Pre-Professional Phase Sample Course Plan - 84 Credits

In most cases, courses listed in all caps must be taken in the exact semester indicated; all other classes are interchangeable.

Fall of First Year - 18 credits

030	RESEARCH & INFORMATION SKILLS LAB	1
101	THINKING & WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM	3
103	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
111	BIOLOGY I: CELLS, GENETICS, DEVELOPMENT	4
111L	BIOLOGY I LAB	0
150	OT Orientation	1
	Global Diversity Core Course	3
	Theology Core Course	3

Spring of First Year - 17 credits

100	ELEMENTS OF COMPUTER SCIENCE	2
102	IMAGINATIVE LITERATURE & CRITICAL WRITING	3
132	Basic Philosophical Questions	3
	Social Justice Core Course	3
	Creative Arts Core Course	3
	Faith and Reason Core Course	3

Fall of Second Year - 17 credits

201/L/R	PHYSICS FOR LIFE SCIENCES I/LAB/ REC	4
207	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I	3
208	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I LAB	1
305	FOUNDATIONS & CONCEPTS OF OT	3
	Required Sociology Elective	3
	Required General Elective	3

Spring of Second Year - 16 credits

209	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II	3
210	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II LAB	1
225	Introduction To Biostatistics	3
310	OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT THE LIFESPAN	3
253	Health Care Ethics	
	or	
254	Medical Ethics	3
	Required General Elective	3

Fall of Third Year - 16 credits

315/L	ANATOMY/LAB	5
416/L	FUNDAMENTALS OF PRACTICE/LAB	2
	Required General Elective	9

Students must complete a medical terminology proficiency, preferably before engaging in anatomy and physiology coursework but no later than the end of their third year, or complete Etymology of Scientific Terms. Students must complete a computer literacy proficiency, preferably during the first year, or complete Elements of Computer Science.

STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO USE ELECTIVE COURSES TO PURSUE joint degrees, double majors, and minors in disciplines that complement their career objectives. Careful selection of one's required electives may increase employment and educational options in the future.

Professional Phase – 85-87 Credits

Professional phase courses are only offered in the semester shown. All courses must be taken in sequence.

Spring of Graduate Year I - 15 credits (3)

537/L	Human Motion and Movement / Lab	4
503	Neuroscience	4
535/L	Occupational Performance Evaluation/Lab	3
548	Medical Conditions in OT	4

Summer of Graduate Year I - 9 credits (3)

518	Humans, Groups & Occupations	3
541W	Evidence Based Practice	3
545/L	Occupational Performance Perspectives/Lab	3

Fall of Graduate Year I - 17/18 credits (3)

511W/L	Clinical Reasoning & Fieldwork IA/Lab	3
519	Neurological & Sensorimotor Function	4
530	Biomechanical Function / Lab	4
530	Principles of Research	2
533L	Principles of Research Lab	1
560	Sociocultural Systems & Networks	3
610	Research Project I	1

Spring of Graduate Year II - 16/17 credits (3, 4)

512W/L	Clinical Reasoning & Fieldwork IB/Lab	3
520/L	Neurological & Sensorimotor Function II/Lab	4
525/L	Psychosocial Function / Lab	4
532	Qualitative Research	2
550	Environmental Adaptations & Rehabilitation Technology	3
611W	Research Project II	1

Summer of Graduate Year II - 13 credits (4)

561/L	Occupational Therapy Administration/Lab	3
555	Level IIA Fieldwork (1)	4
565L	Community & World Healthcare Issues	3
522	Intervention Seminar Lab	3

Fall of Graduate Year II - 17 credits

556	Level IIB Fieldwork (1)	4
557	Level IIC Fieldwork (1)	4
558	Level IID Fieldwork (1)	4
552	Clinical Seminar	2
562	Leadership	2
574w	Fieldwork Proposal	1
	or	
612w	Research Project III	1

Graduation Seminar – 0 credits

553	Clinical Seminar Lab	0
563	Leadership Lab	0
574w	Fieldwork Proposal	0
	or	
612w	Research Project III	0

- (1) *Fieldwork* - students must complete Level II Fieldwork within 24 months after their didactic course work is completed. This six month 40 hour per week fieldwork experience is approximately late June through December.
- (2) 3 credit elective research sequence will substitute for OCCT 574W.
- (3) Students will have undergraduate status but will be admitted to graduate courses in the OT curriculum.
- (4) BS in Health Sciences degree awarded at end of Spring semester. Students will be classified as graduate students beginning with Summer term.

*Upon Course completion and clearance for graduation, students can apply for the national certification exam as early as February and begin work. The MS will be awarded at May graduation.

Academic and Program Requirements for Entry into the Professional Phase

1. Successful completion of all pre-professional course work with a 3.0 cumulative QPA at Duquesne University and a "C" or better in all courses.
2. All core science requirements must be completed at a 4-year academic institution.
3. Documentation of current CPR Certification (includes Adult, Infant and Child CPR).
4. Documentation of a minimum of 120 volunteer hours with 60 hours in a community setting providing services and 60 hours of volunteer or paid experience in occupational therapy.
5. Completion of a physical examination and other health requirements.
6. Departmental approval.

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Information regarding the accreditation of this program can be obtained through:
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education
4720 Montgomery Lane
P.O. Box 31220
Bethesda, MD 20824-1220
301.652.2682

The program was awarded the maximum 10-year re-accreditation through 2018/2019 in 2009.

Graduates of this 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, most states require licensure in order to practice, however, most states are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT Certification Examination or attain state licensure.