

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	3
Theology Core	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	3
Creative Arts Core	3
Faith and Reason Core	3

Fall of Second Year - 17 credits

201 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	3
Required General Elective	3

Fall of Third Year - 16 credits

315 ANATOMY/LAB	5
416 FUNDAMENTALS OF PRACTICE/LAB	2
Required General Elective	3
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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 – 87-89 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 Occupational Performance Evaluation / Lab	3
548 Medical Conditions in OT	4

Summer of Graduate Year I - 9 credits (3)

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

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

511 Clinical Reasoning & Fieldwork IA	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)

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

Summer of Graduate Year II - 13 credits (4)

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

Fall of Graduate Year II - 14 credits

556 Level IIB Fieldwork (1)	4
557 Level IIC Fieldwork (1)	4
558 Level IID Fieldwork (1)	4
552 Clinical Seminar A	1
562 Leadership A	1

*Graduation Seminar - 3 credits **

553 Clinical Seminar B	1
563 Leadership B	1
574 Fieldwork Proposal or	1
612 Research Project III	1

(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 OCCTH 574.

(3) Students will have undergraduate status but will be admitted to graduate courses in the OT curriculum.

(4) BS degree in Health Sciences awarded at end of Spring semester. Students will be classified as graduate students beginning 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 OT 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 2.75 cumulative Q.P.A. at Duquesne University and a "C" or better in all courses.
2. Documentation of current C.P.R. Certification (includes Adult, Infant and Child C.P.R.).
3. 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.
4. Completion of a physical examination and other health requirements.
5. 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.

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