DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
John G. Rangos, Sr.
School of Health Sciences

ENTRY LEVEL DOCTORATE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Pre-Professional Phase (77 Credits)

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

Fall of 1st Year – 15 Credits

BIOL-101/101L Intro to Life Processes (4/0 cr.)
PSYC-101 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
OCCT-150 Introduction to OT & Information Literacy (2 cr.)
BRDG-101 Writing & Analysis (3 cr.)
Intro to Ethical Reasoning (3 cr.)

Spring of 1st Year – 18 Credits

BRDG-102 Writing & Literature (3 cr.)
CLSX-122 Etymology of Scientific Terms (3 cr.)
EQ Essential Questions seminar (3 cr.)
Cultural Fluency competency (3 cr.)
PHIL/THEO Elective (3 cr.)
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Fall of 2nd Year – 14 Credits

BIOL-207/208 Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab (3/1 cr.)
OCCT-205 The Physics of Therapy (1 cr.)
MATH-225 Introduction to Biostatistics (3 cr.)
OCCT-305 Foundations & Concepts of OT (3 cr.)
Elective (3 cr.)

Spring of 2nd Year – 16 Credits

BIOL-209/210 Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab (3/1 cr.)
OCCT-310 Occupational Perf Throughout the Lifespan (3 cr.)
MATH 335 Biostatistics II (3 cr.)
HCE/PHIL/THEO Health Care Ethics (3 cr.)
PHIL/THEO elective (3 cr.)

Fall of 3rd Year – 14 Credits

HLTS-315/L Anatomy/Lab (5 cr.)
OCCT-416 Fundamentals of Practice (3 cr.)
OCCT-422 Professional Seminar I (3 cr.)
ENGL 316W Healthcare & Literature
or ENGL 302W Scientific Writing (3 cr.)

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. A 3.0 cumulative GPA in the pre-requisite science courses by the end of the pre-professional phase.
3. Documentation of current Basic Life Support.
4. Completion of a physical examination and other pre-clinical health requirements, including record of immunizations.
5. Completion of 16 hours of shadowing or paid experience with a registered/licensed OTR at a minimum of two separate practice settings.
6. Students whose first language is not English must meet published language proficiency requirement for entry into graduate programs.
7. Departmental approval.

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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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Professional Phase (80 Credits)

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

Spring of 3rd Year – 14 Credits

HLTS-503 Neuroscience (4 cr.)
OCCT-535 Occupational Performance Evaluation (3 cr.)
OCCT-537 Human Motion and Movement (4 cr.)
OCCT-541W Evidence Based Practice (3 cr.)

Summer of 3rd Year – 9/10 Credits

OCCT-518 Humans, Groups & Occupations (3 cr.)
OCCT-545 Occupational Performance Perspectives (3 cr.)
OCCT-548 Medical Conditions in OT (3 cr.)
OCCT-610W Research Project I -Prospectus (1 cr., optional)

Fall of 4th Year – 16/17 Credits

OCCT-511WClinical Reasoning I & Fieldwork I & II (3 cr.)
OCCT-519 Neurological & Sensorimotor Function I (4 cr.)
OCCT-530 Biomechanical Functions (4 cr.)
OCCT-531 Scholarship of Practice I (3 cr.)
OCCT-560 Community & Population Health (2 cr.)
OCCT-611W Research Project II -Engagement (1 cr.,optional)

Spring of 4th Year – 16/17 Credits

OCCT-561 OT Leadership & Admin & Fieldwork III (3 cr.)
OCCT-520 Neurological & Sensorimotor Function II (4 cr.)
OCCT-525 Psychosocial Function & Fieldwork II (4 cr.)
OCCT-532W Scholarship of Practice II (2 cr.)
OCCT-550 Environmental Adapt & Rehab Technology (3 cr.)
OCCT-612W Research Project III -Dissemination (1 cr. optional)

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) degree awarded in May. Students are classified as graduate students beginning with summer of fourth year and will pay graduate tuition rates.

Summer of 4th Year – 16 Credits

OCCT-522 Intervention Seminar (3 cr.)
OCCT-512 Clinical Reasoning II (3 cr.)
OCCT-565 Community & Population Programming (3 cr.)
OCCT- 602 Doctoral Capstone Seminar (1 cr.)

OCCT-555 Fieldwork IV (6 cr.)

Fall of 5th Year – 9 Credits

OCCT-575 Professional Seminar II *(3 cr.) OCCT-556 Fieldwork V (6 cr.)

Students must complete Level II Fieldwork within 24 months after the Professional Phase didactic course work is completed.

Advanced Professional Phase (27 Credits)

All courses must be taken in this sequence.

Spring of 5th Year – 9 Credits

OCCT-620 Applying Evidence to Practice I* (2 cr.)
OCCT-625 Designing Effective Programs* (3 cr.)
OCCT-635 Practice Scholar Capstone Project I* (2 cr.) OCCT-640 Doctoral Capstone Experience I* (2 cr.)

Summer of 5th Year – 9 Credits

OCCT-621 Applying Evidence to Practice II* (1 cr.)
OCCT-642 Doctoral Capstone Experience II (6 cr.)
OCCT-645 Practice Scholar Capstone Project II* (1 cr.)
OCCT-650 Instructional Learning Theory/Technology I* (1 cr.)

Fall of 6th Year – 9 Credits

OCCT-644 Doctoral Capstone Experience III* (2 cr.)
OCCT-660 Transformative Leadership* (3 cr.)
OCCT-655 Practice Scholar Project III *(2 cr.)
OCCT-651 Instructional Learning Theory/Technology II* (2 cr.)

Students must complete doctoral capstone within 12 months after the Advanced Professional Phase didactic course work is completed.

Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) degree awarded in December.

**indicates distance education delivery mode*