# POST-BACCALAUREATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORATE

## Professional Phase (85-87 Credits)
Program courses are only offered in the semester shown. All courses must be taken in sequence.

### Spring of Graduate Year I – 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 Graduate Year I – 9 credits
- OCCT-518 Humans, Groups & Occupations (3 cr.)
- OCCT-545 Occupational Performance Perspectives (3 cr.)
- OCCT-548 Medical Conditions in OT (3 cr.)

### Fall of Graduate Year I – 16/17 Credits
- OCCT-511W Clinical Reasoning I & Fieldwork I & III (3 cr.)
- OCCT-530 Biomechanical Functions (4 cr.)
- OCCT-531 Scholarship of Practice I (3 cr.)
- OCCT-560 Community & Population Health (2 cr.)
- OCCT-610W Research Project I (Prospectus) (1 cr., optional)

### Spring of Graduate Year II – 16/17 Credits
- OCCT-512W Clinical Reasoning II & Fieldwork III (3 cr.)
- OCCT-520 Neurological & Sensorimotor Function II (4 cr.)
- OCCT-525 Psychosocial Function & Fieldwork II (4 cr.)
- OCCT-526 Scholarship of Practice II (2 cr.)
- OCCT-550 Environmental Adapt & Rehab Technology (3 cr.)
- OCCT-556 Clinical Seminar (2 cr.)
- OCCT-556 Fieldwork V (8 cr.)
- OCCT-562 Leadership (2 cr.)
- OCCT-574W Fieldwork Proposal or OCCT-612W Research Project III (Dissemination) (1 cr.)
- OCCT-611W Research Project II (Engagement) (1 cr., optional)

### Summer of Graduate Year II – 17 Credits
- OCCT-522 Intervention Seminar (3 cr.)
- OCCT 555 Fieldwork IV (8cr.)
- OCCT-561 Occupational Therapy Leadership & Administration (3 cr)
- OCCT-565 Community & Population Programming (3 cr.)
- OCCT-621 Applying Evidence to Practice II (1 cr.)
- OCCT-642 Doctoral Capstone Experience III (2 cr.)
- OCCT-645 Practice Scholar Capstone Project II (1 cr.)
- OCCT-650 Instructional Learning Theory & Technology (3 cr.)

## Advanced Practitioner Phase (31 Credits)
Doctoral courses are mostly offered on-line in the semester shown.

### Spring of Doctoral Year – 9 Credits
- OCCT-620 Applying Evidence to Practice I (2 cr.)
- OCCT-625 Designing Effective Programs (3 cr.)
- OCCT-640 Doctoral Capstone Experience I (2 cr.)
- OCCT-635 Practice Scholar Capstone Project I (1 cr.)

### Fall of Doctoral Year – 9 Credits
- OCCT-644 Doctoral Capstone Experience III (2 cr.)
- OCCT-670 Critical Analysis of Practice (2 cr.)
- OCCT-660 Transformative Leadership (2 cr.)
- OCCT-655 Practice Scholar Project III (2 cr.)

### Summer of Doctoral Year – 13 Credits
- OCCT-621 Applying Evidence to Practice II (1 cr.)
- OCCT-642 Doctoral Capstone Experience II (8 cr.)
- OCCT-645 Practice Scholar Capstone Project II (1 cr.)
- OCCT-650 Instructional Learning Theory & Technology (3 cr.)

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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. 3 credit elective research sequence will substitute for OCCT 574W.
Prior to entering the program, the required prerequisite courses and other requirements listed below must be met.

**Required Prerequisite Courses** (Prior to entering the program. These courses do not count toward your degree.)

**Math and Biological/Physical Sciences**
- **required coursework – 15 credits**
  - Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II (labs required, cadaver dissection preferred) (8 cr.)
  - Physics / Lab (4 cr.)
  - Statistics (3 cr.)

**Social Sciences**
- **required coursework – 6 credits**
  - Psychology or Sociology (3 cr.)
  - Human Life Span Development (3 cr.) *

**Additional Prerequisite Requirement:**
Medical Terminology course or proficiency**

* Must be human development and cover the entire life span; developmental psychology course with lifespan perspective is acceptable
** Students must be proficient in the content. A variety of options are available. Contact the department for procedures.

**Other requirements**

1. A 3.0 cumulative GPA and a ‘C’ or better in all of the pre-requisite courses is required.
2. Documentation of current AHA Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Certification.
3. A minimum of 40 documented volunteer or paid hours in Occupational Therapy under the supervision of a registered/licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L). In response to the rapidly changing circumstances associated with COVID-19, up to 12 of these hours may be obtained through shadowing an OTR/L in a telehealth delivery model.
4. Completion of physical examination and other pre-clinical health requirements.
5. Students whose first language is not English must meet published language proficiency requirement for entry into graduate programs.
6. Departmental approval.

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The occupational therapy/occupational therapy assistant program is accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE’s telephone number, c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA, and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

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.