

Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Plan Description

This is a program for those students who wish to pursue careers as occupational therapists. Completing this curriculum would enable students to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination which would then enable them to apply for licensure as a registered occupational therapist (OTR) in Nevada or other states.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the [Degree Directory](#).

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines

Applications available on the [UNLV Graduate College website](#).

1. Students applying to the OTD program have an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited academic institution with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The degree may be in any area of study as long as the student has successfully completed the following pre-requisite coursework:

Statistics (1 course)

Biology (2 courses)

Anatomy & Physiology (2 courses) with labs

Psychology (3 courses-Introductory, Developmental & Abnormal)

Anthropology or Sociology (1 course)

All pre-requisite coursework will need to be completed by the end of the Spring semester prior to admission to the program in the Summer term.

2. Students must have completed a minimum of 40 hours of observation with a licensed occupational therapist in a minimum of two different practice settings.
3. Applicants to the program will be asked to submit a personal essay as part of the application.
4. Students will submit 3 letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a licensed occupational therapist that provided some of the observation hours.
5. In-person interviews will be offered to qualified applicants.

All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the [Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements](#).

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

Total Credits Required: 120

Course Requirements

Summer Semester 1st Year Courses - Credits: 9

OCT 720 Functional Anatomy with Lab	6
OCT 721 Foundations of Occupational Therapy	3

Fall Semester 1st Year Courses-Credits: ~~18~~ 19 18

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OCT 722 Neuroscience for Occupational Therapy	3
OCT 723 Functional Movement Kinesiology with Lab	3
OCT 724 Mental Health Practice I with Adults/Older Adults	3
OCT 725 Mental Health Practice I with Adults/Older Adults Lab	1
OCT 726 Occupational Therapy Practice I with Adults/Older Adults	3
OCT 727 Occupational Therapy Practice I with Adults/Older Adults Lab	1
OCT 728 Evidence-Based Practice I Quantitative Research	3
OCT 729 Fieldwork IA	1
OCT 800 Capstone Preparation	3

Spring Semester 1st Year Courses-Credits: ~~18~~ 19

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OCT 730 Culture and Occupational Therapy Practice	2
OCT 731 Mental Health Practice II with Adults/Older Adults	3
OCT 732 Mental Health Practice II with Adults/Older Adults Lab	1
OCT 733 Occupational Therapy Practice II with Adults/Older Adults	3

OCT 734 Occupational Therapy Practice II with Adults/Older Adults Lab	1
OCT 735 Health and Wellness Interventions with Adults/Older Adults	2
OCT 736 Evidence-Based Practice II - Qualitative Research	3
OCT 737 Teaching and Learning I	2
OCT 738 Fieldwork IB	1
OCT 800 Capstone Preparation	3

Summer Semester 2nd Year Courses - Credits: 8

OCT 740 Fieldwork IIA	6
OCT 741 Prof Develop Seminar I	2

~~Fall Semester 2nd Year Courses - Credits: 15~~

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New Core Fall Semester 2nd Year Courses-Credits: 16

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OCT 742 Mental Health Pract Children	3
OCT 743 Mental Health Practice with Children/Youth Lab	1
OCT 744 Occupational Therapy Practice I with Children/Youth	3
OCT 745 Occupational Therapy Practice I with Children/Youth Lab	1
OCT 746 Driving and Community Mobility	2
OCT 747 Occupational Therapy Leadership I	2
OCT 748 Professional Service Management	2
OCT 800 Capstone Preparation	3

Spring Semester 2nd Year Courses - Credits: 17

OCT 750 Assistive Tech & Environ Mod	2
OCT 751 Pain Management	2
OCT 752 Health & Wellness Children	2
OCT 753 Occupational Therapy Practice II with Children/Youth	3
OCT 754 Occupational Therapy Practice II with Children/Youth Lab	1
OCT 756 Occupational Therapy Leadership II	2
OCT 757 Introduction to Social Determinants of Health	2
OCT 758 Fieldwork ID	1
OCT 766 Systematic Reviews	2

Summer Semester 3rd Year Courses - Credits: 8

OCT 760 Fieldwork IIB	6
OCT 761 Professional Dev Seminar II	2

Fall Semester 3rd Year Courses-Credits: ~~15~~ 13

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OCT 755 Program Development and Grant Funding	2
OCT 762 Health Poli & Advoc	2
OCT 763 OT Leadership III	2
OCT 764 Teaching & Learning II	3
OCT 765 Emerging Practice Primary Care	2
OCT 768 Fieldwork IE	1
OCT 800 Capstone Preparation	3

Spring Semester 3rd Year Courses - Credits: 12

OCT 801 Capstone Experience	8
OCT 802 Capstone Project	4

Degree Requirements

1. In order to graduate from the proposed OTD program, students will have to have successfully completed all academic courses and fieldwork experiences with a grade of "B" or better and maintain an overall grade point average of at least 3.0. Grades below "B" will not be acceptable. If the student receives a grade below "B", then the student must retake the class. If the student does not satisfactorily earn a grade of "B" on the second attempt, the student will be dismissed from the program.
2. Students will complete a comprehensive examination which will be the Occupational Therapy Knowledge Exam (OTKE). The comprehensive exam will be taken at the end of the Summer term of Year Three and must be successfully passed before they take classes in the Fall semester of Year Three. If the student does not earn a passing grade on this exam, they will be placed on probation and allowed to retake it again after a minimum of three months. If they fail a second time they will be dismissed from the program.

Plan Graduation Requirements

1. Doctoral Experiential Component (14 weeks)
2. Final Capstone Project

3. The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements.
4. The student must submit and successfully present their final research project, professional paper, or case report by the posted deadline. The presentation must be advertised and is open to the public.
5. The student must electronically submit a pdf copy of their approved, properly formatted thesis, doctoral project, or dissertation to the Graduate College for format check. Once approved, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest by the posted deadline. Deadlines can be found [here](#).