

**Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost**

**MEMORANDUM**

**September 14, 2017**

**To:** UNLV Campus Community  
**From:** Rainier Spencer  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
**Subject:** New Degree: Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

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The Occupational Therapy Doctorate was approved by the NSHE Board of Regents at the September 2017 meeting.

This doctoral program is for students who wish to pursue careers as occupational therapists. Successfully completing this curriculum will enable students to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy certification examination which will then enable them to apply for licensure as registered occupational therapists in Nevada or other states. This program will help meet the strong need for occupational therapists in the State of Nevada. With the formation of the School of Medicine, it is necessary to have a full armamentarium of health services in the region to complement the care activities provided by that school.

**Approval Date: September 8, 2017**  
**Effective Date: Summer 2020**

This is the final approval.

Please note for lists, databases, and generation of appropriate codes, etc.

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