

HEALTH SCIENCES (BS) & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OTD)

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Program Description

Occupational Therapy is a healthcare profession that helps people to maximize their functional independence after illness or injury, or, develop the social and emotional skills necessary to participate fully in everyday life. Occupational therapists assist children with motor, social and learning needs to be successful in school activities and family life. They help adults to develop strategies to address the physical and emotional changes associated with rehabilitation or long-term health needs. Therapy frequently involves assisting individuals to relearn old skills, develop new ways of doing, or adapt the environment to enable them to live satisfying and independent lives.

The accelerated BS in Health Sciences/Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) program is designed for students who know early on that they want to become occupational therapists. This dual degree program allows students to seamlessly complete undergraduate and graduate degrees in less time than would be required to complete both degrees separately. Undergraduate courses and extra-curricular experiences provide students with a foundation to develop the knowledge, values and interpersonal skills needed for success as an occupational therapist.

During the first three years of undergraduate coursework, students complete major requirements for the bachelor's degree, including college studies and occupational therapy program prerequisites. Students who meet the graduate occupational therapy program progression criteria can enroll in first year Occupational Therapy graduate coursework during Year 4 of undergraduate studies. At the end of Year 4, students are awarded the BS in Health Sciences, and are eligible to participate in the May commencement ceremony. Upon completion of graduate occupational therapy program requirements in Year 6, the doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy will be awarded.

The accelerated BS/OTD is a cohort program that requires uninterrupted enrollment. Once accepted, students may not accelerate (i.e. take additional courses during summer semesters to shorten program length) or decelerate (i.e. take a reduced course load in a semester and add another year to undergraduate study).

For more information about the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD), refer to the College of Rehabilitation Sciences section of the Catalog.

- Curriculum: 6 years, 205 credits (minimum 120 cr. BS)

Code	Title	Credits
GDIV 2XX	Global Diversity Placeholder	3
GCIT 2XX	Global Citizenship Placeholder	3
ETHC 2XX	Ethics Course Placeholder	3
ADIV 2XX	American Diversity Placeholder	3
ISEM 3XX	Integrative Sem Placeholder	3
CGIS 300	Contemporary Global Issues	3
PHIL 499	Philosophies of the Good Life	3
Health Science Core		
HSCI 100	Intro to Health Professions	1
HSCI 230	Intro to Healthcare	2
HSCI 330	Medical Terminology	3
STAT 220	Stats for the Behavioral Sci	3
HSCI 3XX	Health Sci Elective	3
HSCI 3XX	Health Sci Elective	12
WRIT INTENXIVE ELECTIVE		3
SCIENCE COURSES		
BIOL 110	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 110L		0
BIOL 111	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 111L		1
PHYC 111	Algebra-base PHYC I-Mach&Thermo	4
PSYCHOLOGY COURSES		
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3
PSYC 201	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 213	Developmental Psychology	3
YEAR 4 OTD COURSES		37
YEAR 5 & 6 OTD COURSES		79

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Hallmarks		
FYS 100	Pathways Seminar	1
WRIT 101	Writing Sem I: Written Comm.	3
WRIT 202	Writing Seminar II: Multi Comm	4
BIOL 103	Biology I	3
BIOL 103L	Biology I Lab	1