

General Information for the Incoming MOT Class

Welcome to your new home away from home! We are so happy to have you with us for the next 29 months. We would like you to be as prepared as possible before you begin orientation, so in this document I will make recommendations to help your transition to graduate school as smooth as possible.

General orientation is scheduled for Tuesday May 26, 2015 and attendance is mandatory. You will be notified by the Office of Student Affairs about the specific starting times and location. On Tuesday, you will have the opportunity to order your ID and your lab jackets later in the afternoon. The lab jackets have the college and professional OT logo.

Dress code:

We follow the HPD dress code from the Student Handbook. Students wear eggplant colored scrubs for labs. The scrubs will also be available at the bookstore for purchase. When in off-campus or special events, khakis or dark pants (no jeans) and MOT polo shirts are worn. The details will be discussed in orientation. Please see the separate dress code handout for orientation.

Books:

The official bookstore for the University is Barnes & Noble College Bookstores. They have a bookstore just south of the health professions area in the University Park Plaza. The Website is www.nova.edu/bookstore and they may also be reached by phone at 800-509-2665 or 954-262-4750. We encourage you to purchase books online prior to coming to campus on May 26, to be sure that you have books when classes start. Sometimes the bookstore runs out of books on campus, so having one in-hand before class starts will insure that you will have the materials that you need at the beginning of class. We will post a separate booklist for you.

Be sure that you order each book by the ISBN, not just the title, so that you can be sure that you will be getting the latest edition. Please notify the professor of the course if a newer edition than printed on the booklist is available, so that we may advise you or adjust the list, as necessary.

Technology:

All students must have laptops or iPads for note-taking, searching electronic databases, taking quizzes, or collaborating on projects. The library loans out laptops and iPads, but these are limited in number. Be sure that you have a computer available for your use with word processing and presentation software installed.

Physical examinations & immunizations:

You are also required to have a physical prior to entering school. Hands on experiences in health care, educational, and social service settings begin early in the fall. Failure to attend these community outings will affect your grade in the course in which it is required. You cannot start any observations or

fieldwork without a current physical exam, immunizations, and background checks, and other medical requirements detailed in the Student Handbook.

All information must be uploaded to the Certified website prior to starting classes. Please pay attention to the notices that you receive from Certified and respond accordingly, as failure to complete these requirements will prevent you from participating in some class assignments. Certified has online and phone assistance. You must also have a valid and current health insurance card. More details will be coming from Student Affairs.

Resources:

Please be aware that the summer semester is very intense and rigorous. The material is challenging and requires focus, discipline, organization, and cooperation with other students. The University, HPD library, and Student Affairs have many resources for students to support their learning and to help with their adjustment to this demanding program. These resources will be reviewed during orientation and we encourage you to seek out assistance as needed.

FYI:

In the fall, in one of your classes, you will complete an occupational history photography project that will require that you have access to whatever family pictures you have as infant, child, adolescent, and young adult. They can be digital or printed and scanned. I suggest that you look around in your photo albums, etc. and scan family photos onto a flash drive before you return to campus in the fall.

Student Leaders:

We have a team of student ambassadors who will be providing tours around our department, classrooms, library, eating areas, etc. Also, our Student OT Association (SOTA) is preparing a welcome for you during orientation week. Pi Theta Epsilon is another group of outstanding student leaders whom you will meet. We will try to make you feel as comfortable as possible as you become part of the NSU family.

Administrative Support:

Here are the important administrative contacts in the program. We have an excellent faculty who will be your mentors and advisors as you proceed through the program. We will introduce ourselves to you during orientation. You will each be assigned a faculty member as an advisor, who will assist you during the first two years of the program.

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Please contact the program office at 954-262-1242 or 954-262-1202 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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