



Health Professions Division * College of Health Care Sciences * Department of Occupational Therapy
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program

Welcome!

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of the Department of Occupational Therapy, I wish to welcome you to the entry level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program of Nova Southeastern University in Tampa. We know that you worked hard to meet our admission requirements and we want you to feel the significance of having joined our inaugural Class of 2015. You are embarking on this educational journey that combines innovative distance learning and face-to-face learning experiences that we designed with your need and style in mind. Using the department's curriculum model which is reiterative, rigorous, recursive, relational, and reflective in nature, you will learn not only the *how*, but also the *why* and the evidence for occupational therapy practice.

The 3 ½ years of your doctoral preparation will fly swiftly, because you will engage and participate in didactic, research, and clinical experiences that prepare you to serve as part of an interdisciplinary team of health professionals in a variety of practice settings such as hospital, school, research, outpatient and home health as well as in other programs where occupational therapists have not worked before.

We created this orientation website to provide important information to get you started in navigating your student life here at NSU Tampa, namely:

- Message to Your Family
- Faculty , Staff & Admissions Directory
- Orientation & Opening Reception Schedule
- Important Information & Instructions:
 - About the College Bookstore
 - AOTA Membership Instructions
 - Dress Code
 - Obtaining NSU E-mail
 - Instructions for Identifying Your Learning Style
- Summer Semester Booklist
- Required Computer & Technology Equipment
- NBCOT Early Determination Review Service
- Housing & Temporary Lodging Information

Closer to the orientation weekend, you will also receive an update from Dr. David Pallister, JD, OTR/L, the department's Director of Student Affairs & Marketing so keep an eye on your mailbox.

I look forward to meeting each of you, and officially to welcome you to the NSU family.

Sincerely,

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