



ACOTE Accreditation Preparation

The rapidly changing and dynamic nature of contemporary health and human services delivery systems provides challenging opportunities for occupational therapy practitioners to use knowledge and skills in a practice area as a direct care provider, consultant, educator, manager, leader, researcher, and advocate for the profession and the consumer.

A graduate from an ACOTE-accredited doctoral-degree-level occupational therapy program must demonstrate professionalism, understanding of the distinct roles and responsibilities, and the development in-depth experience in one or more of the following areas through completion of a doctoral experiential component: clinical practice skills, research skills, administration, leadership, program and policy development, advocacy, education, and theory development. Our Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy program had the honor of having Dr. Letha Mosley in our facilities on January 29th and 30th for an accreditation mock visit. Dr. Mosley completed her term as ACOTE Chairperson. She was first appointed to ACOTE in 1997 and served two consecutive terms. Upon completion of her terms on ACOTE, she continues to serve as an ACOTE Emeriti and as a member of the ACOTE Appeals Board.



Letha J. Mosley, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Dr. Mosley was serving on the Commission on Education when she was elected as the ACOTE Chairperson-Elect in 2008. Following a one-year term as Chairperson-Elect, Dr. Mosley served as the ACOTE Chairperson for the past three years. During her tenure as Chairperson, Dr. Mosley oversaw the Standards review process; a petition for recognition to the USDE; development of the e-Accreditation system; and unprecedented growth in program applications and reviews.

References:

ACOTE Election Results and New ACOTE Members., from <http://ww.aota.org/Educate/Accredit/Announcements/46599.aspx>

Current ACOTE Accreditation Standards, from <http://www.aota.org/Educators-Researchers/Accreditation>

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White Coat Ceremony Message

Dr. Kurt Hubbard



Kurt K. Hubbard, Ph.D.(c), OTD,
OTR/L FOTA President and Member,
NSU-OTD Professional Advisory

Why is the white coat such a big deal? I am sure you are aware that members of other health care professions often wear white coats as well, so the coat itself is not the thing that we celebrate today. Instead, we are celebrating the person inside the coat. That is the person that seriously takes the role of student learning to become an occupational therapist. Wearing the coat with the OTD patch and your name is an outward symbol of your professionalism and commitment as an OTD student.

The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage that heightens your awareness of your responsibilities as a professional. The ceremony highlights the primacy of the therapist-client relationship reminding you to be mindful of developing your therapeutic sense of self. To this end, I encourage you to accept the obligations inherent in the practice of Occupational therapy: to empower clients to fulfill their potential and to lead lives of “dignity and honor”.

The OTD faculty members who cloaked you present you a gift of faith and confidence: faith in your abilities and confidence that you will represent the values of your new profession. Here are some of the core values that I encourage you to keep in mind during all your client interactions to provide the best possible care:

Accountability – active acceptance of your responsibility for your actions and behavior.

Professional duty to provide effective care. You will need to insure that the care you provide is effective via evidenced based practice.

Integrity – your steadfast adherence to high ethical principles and professional standards, truthfulness, and fairness

Compassion, Care, and Empathy – demonstrating respect for all those who will place their trust in you.

Excellence - Your education will provide you with the best scientific evidence for the care you will provide. You are duty bound to make learning a lifelong priority. Don't be a good therapist, be great.

I would not mention these goals if I did not think they are achievable – they are and this achievement has been demonstrated by countless number of practicing occupational therapists. So in conclusion, I welcome you to this profession that I love. Set your goal to be the best clinician that you can be. Make each contract for care one that will be valued by both yourself and your clients.

Clinical and Community Relations



- ◆ Yearly Service Plans should be updated and uploaded to your journal on the OTD Student Center
- ◆ ALL students must have their immunization updates current in order to participate in each fieldwork component of the curriculum. Keep in mind our Level I Fieldwork starts Summer 2013 (July 20th—August 14th, 2013)
- ◆ Please contact Wendy Burrion: wburrion@nova.edu if you are having difficulty uploading the appropriate forms.



Congratulation to Dr. Ricardo Carrasco as one of CAMP's Big 50

Dr. Ricardo C. Carrasco was chosen as one of CAMP's Big 50 at the College of Allied Medical Professions University of the Philippines in Manila. The Big 50 award is given in recognition of the 50 key persons who made a mark on the college and were part of CAMP's contribution to nation building during the past 50 years.

"I am proud to be a CAMP alumnus and I always wear the sablay (sash symbolizing scholarly alumni) to identify myself with the University and to distinguish myself from other academics who have graduated elsewhere."

The ceremony that recognized awardees occurred during the BalicCAMP celebrations on December 12th, 2012 at the Villa Immaculada in Intramuros, Manila. Unfortunately Dr. Carrasco was not in the country at the time and did not accept the award personally. He was able to express how deeply honored and humbled to be in the company of other Big 50 awardees in celebration of CAMP's 50th Foundation anniversary on an acceptance video he submitted.

"My cultural roots are Filipino and my occupational therapy and education foundations are from U.P., and I am always quick to say that I could not have achieved any of my accomplishments without the preparation I received from my mentors and colleagues from the University of the Philippines and the Filipino community."



**Ricardo C. Carrasco, Ph.D., OTR/L,
FAOTA**

Research and Technology Update

Dr. Davenport



Rick D. Davenport, PhD, OTR/L

In keeping up with innovation and enhancement of services provided to our students, we are happy to announce that Nova Southeastern University has upgraded to Blackboard Service Pack 8. Therefore Winter semester courses will have newly updated blackboard interfaces. Some of the upgraded features include: integrated grading rubrics, daily course backups, and a comprehensive Help Center complete with how-to videos to provide immediate assistance to our students. On the research front this Winter semester our OTD doctoral students are excited to begin their first course in a 4-course series on research. The students have been busily solidifying their Capstone content experts, as well as finalizing their project group members. The exciting thing with this initial Winter research course is that the students get to apply the knowledge and skills learned by writing their first drafts of both their research proposals and Institutional Review Board (IRB) submission. These initial research/IRB proposal drafts will be the precursors to the students implementing their final culminating scholarly project at the end of their 3rd year curriculum.

Inside FOTA's 2012 Conference

History was made this year at the 2012 FOTA Conference, held at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Tampa and the Sheraton Tampa East Hotel. Having a total of 442 registered, including 178 current OT/OTA practitioners, 8 retirees and 257 students, all three categories toppled previous records. FOTA was able to simulcast select Saturday educational sessions to FAMU in Tallahassee.

Conference educational sessions included five in-depth pre-conference institutes, 10 workshops, 11 short courses, 13 SIS roundtables and one Presidential roundtable just for the students. This year keynote speaker, Hector Picard, a bilateral upper extremity AND a tri-athlete, was truly inspirational. During his presentation Mr. Picard acknowledged his former OT who was in the audience, and helped him in his rehab program years ago.

Preparations are underway for FOTA's 2013 Conference with a theme, "Surf's Up" which will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "Don't Stop Living"

We are fortunate to have **Hector Picard** as our keynote speaker this year. Hector is a dynamic motivational speaker and tri-athlete, who happens to be a bilateral upper extremity amputee. Hector will share his story on Friday evening - how he overcomes overwhelming hardships everyday in order to tackle the competitive world of triathlon racing as well as the issues we all experience. Very appropriate on so many levels for all of us in the world of occupational therapy! www.dontstopliving.org

Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)



Left to Right: Ricardo Demetrius, Shree Patel, Chelsea Bryant and Larry Holmes

There has been a lead effort for Hurricane Sandy relief by our OTD students collecting and shipping needed items to victims up north. SOTA membership donated \$255 towards the NSU Legacy \$255 Scholar. Those funds should be matched by the University and used to assist an OTD student next year with education-related expenses.



Ricardo Demetrius, President of SOTA and board members have been busy facilitating NSU Pan-SGA Grant applications that could help up to 5 OTD students attend the 2013 AOTA Annual Conference in San Diego, California. The SOTA general membership meetings will be held on Thursday mornings during each on-campus institute during the Winter 2013 semester.

**HURRICANE
SANDY RELIEF**



Events



TOP: Dr. Ricardo Carrasco and Professor Sheila Longpré at the OTD booth.

BOTTOM: FOTA members at the Main Campus FT. Lauderdale booth.

FOTA Conference in NSU Tampa

The FOTA Annual Conference was held on November 2 & 3, 2012 at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Tampa campus. On Friday November 2, we started with our amazing institutes. Each institute was four hours long, taught by experts in their areas and provided in depth and advanced information directed toward OT and OTA practitioners. The institutes covered a wide range of practice areas: Dementia Interventions, Vestibular apparatus, Resilience, Evidence Based Practice, and an Orthosis Fabrication Practicum. Once the Institutes were over, exhibitors were available unopposed during the lunch hour and then again from 3pm-4pm. On Friday afternoon there were two hour workshops, one hour short courses and SIS roundtables to attend. After 4pm, all other Friday conference events were held at the Sheraton Tampa East Hotel. On Saturday November 3 we stayed at NSU for all educational sessions, lunch, and exhibitor unopposed display times both morning and afternoon. The Conference winded up at 4pm Saturday.



OTD students Ni "Annie" He-Strocchio and Meghan Granata with Dr. David Pallister



Baby Shower

On our first Chair Chat for year 2013 we celebrated OTD student Hillarie Hough's Boy Baby Shower. Congratulations to you and family from the Occupational Therapy Department family at NSU!



Holiday Celebration

The Faculty and Staff of the Occupational Therapy Department prepared a beautiful lunch for our OTD students because of the Holidays. We enjoyed all kinds of food, from Filipino to Colombian. We also learned about Origami and shared a special time together.



New Staff



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Student Accomplishments

Chancellor's List

3.8 G.P.A. or higher

Dean's List

3.6 G.P.A. or higher

Summer Semester 2012-2013

Kristin McMillen

Ashley Stedman

Hillary Whitacre

Fall Semester 2012-2013

Ricardo Demetrius

Lillian Freeman

Kristin McMillen

Larry Holmes

Ashley Stedman

Hillary Whitacre

Jamie Williams