

Nova Southeastern University launches Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program in Tampa



Projected to start in Summer 2012, Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Tampa joins five other universities that offer an entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree (OTD). Classes for the 3 ½-year, hybrid distance-weekend program will be conducted online and face to face at the new NSU Tampa Student Educational Center (SEC). The program is designed to attract creative and compassionate individuals who like to help others achieve their potential. Because of its design, the program will meet the need for occupational therapy education beyond a master's degree by students who want to continue working or doing other daily occupation/s while going to school.

Distance/weekend hybrid means that students will receive part of their education at the Tampa SEC during three-to four-day institutes taught by reputable faculty members once a month per semester. Students will take the remainder of each course in an online format, using state-of-the-art technology. During the program, students will accumulate 1,680 hours of full-time clinical education. This will include two 12 week internships plus a 16 week doctoral residency in a negotiated practice area.



The department is in the process of hiring faculty and staff and currently has Ricardo C. Carrasco, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA as Chair and Professor. Joining him are Rick D. Davenport, Ph.D., OTR/L, Assistant Professor and Maria Fontaine Velasco, Administrative Assistant, and they just submitted all documents for the application for developing status for accreditation by ACOTE.

Professional Advisory Council Holds Inaugural Meeting

The Professional Advisory Council (PAC) of the NSU-OTD program held its first meeting at NSU Tampa. The NSU OTD-PAC is a volunteer group intended to assist in the development and advancement of the entry level OTD educational program. They reviewed the OTD-PAC Guiding Document and elected their Founding Officers, namely: Amy Kimball-Carpenter MA, OTR/L, and Deena Finney, MHS/ OTR/L as Co-Chairs, and Saritza Guzman-Sardina MEd, OTR/L as Secretary. The council will serve in an advisory role, and will not have any governance or decision-making capacity. Final responsibility for, and authority over the Department of Occupational Therapy Tampa comes from Nova Southeastern University.

The OTD-PAC mission is to assist the OTD program in achieving its mission of preparing students through its innovative curricular design to become reflective and competent occupational therapy practitioners, managers, and leaders. It supports the department in preparing its students with knowledge and skills at the doctoral entry level with a beginning focus, research agenda and professional leadership with the ability to flex and remain contemporary in occupation-based practice within a variety of contexts for an ever-changing world.

The NSU OTD-PAC officers and members are listed below:

Amy Kimball-Carpenter, MS, OTR/L

Chief of Occupational Therapy, James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, **Chair, OTD-PAC**

Deanna "DeeDee" Finney, MHS, OTR/L

Resource Teacher for Occupational and Physical Therapy, Brevard Public Schools, **Vice Chair, OTD-PAC**

Saritza Guzmán-Sardina, MEd, OTR/L

Program Director, Polk State College, **Secretary, OTD-PAC**

Carlos Carrasco, MBA, OTR/L
Corporate Director of Program Development & Innovation, Orlando Health, & President, Florida Society for Rehabilitation of the Florida Hospital Association

Debra Chasanoff, MEd, OTR/L
Program Director & Professor, State College of Florida

Laura Garcia, OTR/L
Specialty Rehab Director, Gentiva Home Health

Sheree Glass
District Coordinator, Occupational/Physical Therapy, Orthopedically Impaired, Other Health Impaired & Traumatic Brain Injury
Hillsborough County Public Schools

Kurt K. Hubbard, Ph.D. (c), OTD, OTR/L
Assistant Professor, University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, St. Augustine Campus, & President Florida Occupational Therapy Association

Lael Paschal Kaltz, MOT, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist, Invo Healthcare (Brevard Public Schools)

Racquel Khuri, MBA
Director, Nova Southeastern University – Tampa SEC

Judith Kimball, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA
Founding Director & Professor, University of New England, Department of Occupational Therapy

Jean Schienle, COTA/L
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Pasco County School Board

Michael R. Simonson, Ph.D.
Professor, Instructional Technology and Distance Education, Nova Southeastern University

Mirtha Montejo Whaley, Ph.D., OTR/L
Occupational Therapist, Genesis Rehabilitation Services

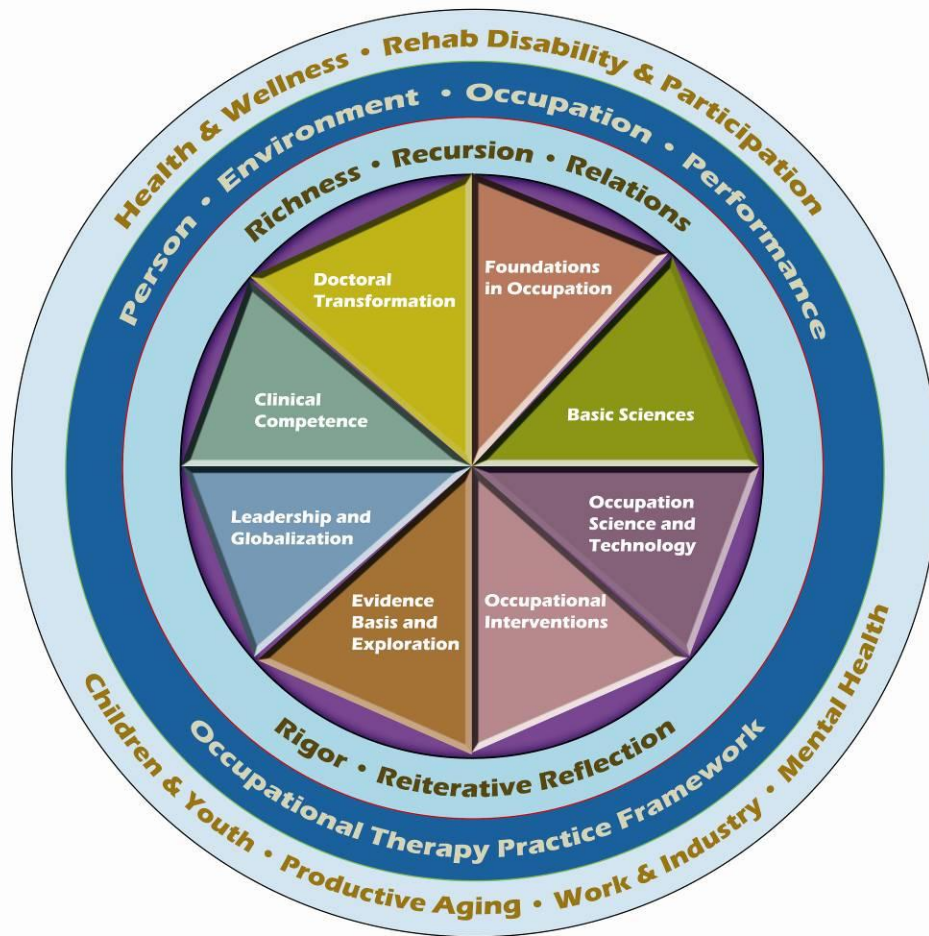
Jennifer Wessels, Ph.D.
Manager, Inpatient Rehab Services, Tampa General Hospital



Photo shows the Professional Advisory Council with NSU faculty after the inaugural meeting; not in photo are Dr. Kurt Hubbard, Sheree Glass, and Drs. Judith Kimball and Mike Simonson who joined by teleconference and Skype. Below and right: Before and after pictures of a classroom in the new facility. On the next page, the department's curriculum model.



OTDNews is the newsletter of Nova Southeastern University Tampa's Department of Occupational Therapy meant to inform, promote, and support its Hybrid Entry Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program. It is published during the Summer, Fall and Winter-Spring trimesters.



OTD CURRICULUM MODEL

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) curriculum model illustrates didactic-to-clinical experiences designed for the Nova Southeastern University Tampa doctoral student. The inner circle features the eight clusters of course sequences within the hybrid entry level professional program. The concentric rings, shown starting from the inner layer comprise: 1) teaching exemplar; 2) learning threads; and 3) practice areas consistent with the profession's Centennial Vision.

The eight curriculum sequences provide opportunities for student experiences for lifelong learning applying the PEOP model and the OTPF. The sequences provide activities to learn the structure and function of the human body as it relates to occupations; theoretical and philosophical foundations of occupational therapy practice; expressions and use of occupations and technology for teaching and learning across the lifespan; identification and treatment of developmental and acquired occupational dysfunctions using occupation based interventions; evidence basis and scholarly explorations for accountable practice; leadership and advocacy for responsible collaborative, global practice; clinical competence in all areas of practice, and beginning specialization as a reflective doctorally prepared professional.



Harnessing Current Technology to Engage Clients in Occupation



Experience and learn the many ways by which occupational therapists are currently engaging clients of all ages in occupation through the use of the revolutionary iPad as well as virtual reality based technology (i.e., Nintendo Wii, Microsoft Xbox) applications. Learn from case study examples and practical application scenarios of technology being applied in the evaluation, and treatment of persons with various diagnoses and barriers to occupation. Upon completion of the course, attendees will have the skills to be able to apply technology in their client evaluation, treatment sessions, to create new goals as well as plans.

Where: Nova Southeastern University Tampa
Department of Occupational Therapy, Rm. 3058
3632 Queen Palm Drive, Room 3058
Tampa, FL 33619

When: Monday October 24, 2011
8:30 A.M – 4:00 P.M.

Speakers: **Dr. Adrienne Lauer, Ed.D., OTR/L**
Assistant Professor, Davie NSU Campus
Dr. Rick Davenport, Ph.D., OTR/L
Assistant Professor, Tampa NSU Campus

Cost: \$75.00

Register by: 10/17/11

Early bird registration by: 10/3/11 AND save \$10

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Join us in St. Augustine

We will be there during the FOTA Conference, November 4 & 5, 2011 presenting papers on technology, how to stretch your professional development budget, and mentoring as a way for hands on learning in sensory integration. Come see our booth!



And 2012, in Tampa! November 2 & 3

We are currently negotiating to host next year's FOTA conference! Plan ahead not only to attend the conference, but also to see state of the art classrooms and laboratories for our hybrid entry level Doctor of Occupational Therapy program, slated to start in the Summer, 2012. And party Channelside or in Ybor City.



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