

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (O.T.D.)

FORT LAUDERDALE/DAVIE CAMPUS

NSU Florida

At a Glance

- Earn your degree in 122 credit hours.
- Program starts in May and can be completed in 39 months.

Program Format

- Courses are offered in person, Monday through Friday, primarily in the daytime.

Future Opportunities

- Design and deliver evidence-based interventions using a client-centered, reflective approach.
- Develop and coordinate clinical and other programs guided by best traditions and contemporary practice.
- Explore leadership and management opportunities.
- Consider careers in research, occupational therapy, educational programs, or in public health agencies.

Accreditation

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD, 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is acoteonline.org.

The program must have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national exam.

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Help Others Achieve Their Potential

Prepare for real-world practice while gaining clinical decision-making skills, from initial examination to outcomes assessment. Participate in part- and full-time clinical education through fieldwork and doctoral capstone experiences. Earn your O.T.D. degree through NSU's in-person format and rise above the competition in the field you love.

Gain hands-on experience at NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus through interactive simulation and top-tier labs. Benefit from a student-centered program that offers exposure to working in the community, as well as opportunities to work with other disciplines.

Prepare to become an occupational therapist who serves with an interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals in a variety of practice settings such as hospitals, schools, outpatient, private practice, academic, research agencies, and home health, as well as in programs where occupational therapists are not yet employed.

“Graduates from the O.T.D. program are on a career fast track and have added marketability. The O.T.D. program prepares occupational therapists to serve as part of an interdisciplinary team of health professionals in a variety of practice settings and attain leadership positions.”

—Jonathan Pitts, O.T.D., OTR/L, alumnus



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2022–2023 Curriculum | Total Credits: 122

YEAR 1

Term 1 (11 credits)

		Credits
OTD 8121	Introduction to Didactic, Clinical, and Research Experiences	3
OTD 8122	Development of Occupation and Participation Throughout the Life Span	3
OTD 8111	Movement in Occupation Lecture	3
OTD 8111L	Movement in Occupation Lab	2

Term 2 (14 credits)

OTD 8123	Theoretical Foundations of Occupational Therapy Practice	4
OTD 8132	Occupational and Contextual Analysis Lecture	2
OTD 8132L	Occupational and Contextual Analysis Lab	1
OTD 8124	Effects of Human Conditions on Occupation I	4
OTD 8154	Quantitative Evidence in Occupational Therapy	3

Term 3 (13 credits)

OTD 8125	Effects of Human Conditions on Occupation II	4
OTD 8133	Therapeutic Use of Self in Human Interactions	3
OTD 8112	Neuroscience and Occupation Lecture	2
OTD 8112L	Neuroscience and Occupation Lab	1
OTD 8153	Qualitative Evidence in Occupational Therapy	3

YEAR 2

Term 1 (14 credits)

OTD 8241	Occupational Therapy Interventions I: Mental Health, Wellness, and Community Lecture	6
OTD 8241L	Occupational Therapy Interventions I: Mental Health, Wellness, and Community Lab	2
OTD 8274	Level I Fieldwork, Mental Health, Wellness, and Community	1
OTD 8234	Innovations and Technology as They Relate to Context and Environment Lecture	2
OTD 8234L	Innovations and Technology as They Relate to Context and Environment Lab	1
OTD 8255	Research Proposal and IRB	2

Term 2 (14 credits)

OTD 8242	Occupational Therapy Interventions, Children, and Youth Lecture	6
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OTD 8242L	Occupational Therapy Interventions, Children, and Youth Lab	2
OTD 8275	Level I Fieldwork, Occupational Therapy Interventions, Children and Youth	1
OTD 8256	Research Implementation—Data Collection	2
OTD 8264	Business of Practice and Management	3

Term 3 (14 credits)

OTD 8243	Occupational Therapy Interventions, Adults Lecture	6
OTD 8243L	Occupational Therapy Interventions, Adults Lab	2
OTD 8276	Level I Fieldwork, Occupational Therapy Interventions, Adults	1
OTD 8265	Professional Leadership	3
OTD 8257	Research Implementation, Data Analysis, and Interpretation	2

YEAR 3

Term 1 (9 credits)

OTD 8371	Level II Fieldwork Experience A	9
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Term 2 (14 credits)

OTD 8372	Doctoral Certification and Introduction to Doctoral Capstone	3
OTD 8381	Occupational Science	3
OTD 8382	Wellness in Occupational Therapy	3
OTD 8383	Applying Measurement Theory to Evaluation	3
OTD 8384	Sensory Processing Basis of Occupational Performance	3
OTD 8385	Topics in Contemporary and Emerging Practice	3
OTD 8358	Research Dissemination	2

Term 3 (9 credits)

OTD 8373	Level II Fieldwork Experience B	9
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YEAR 4

Term 1 (10 credits)

OTD 8474	Doctoral Capstone Experience, Reflections, and Exit Colloquium	10
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