

General Information for the Incoming OTD Class

Welcome to your new home away from home! We are so happy to have you with us for the next 3 1/3 years. 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 smoothly as possible.

General Orientation will begin on Monday, May 16, 2022, and attendance is mandatory. You will be notified by the Office of Student Affairs about the morning events. We have planned OTD orientation, OTD classes, and some faculty led discussions on the first Friday of that week. **See the separate orientation week schedule for details.**

Dress code:

We generally follow the HPD dress code from the Student Handbook. Please see the separate dress code handout for Orientation. The details for the dress code will be discussed in Orientation.

Students generally wear eggplant-colored scrubs for labs. The scrubs will be available at the NSU Bookstore for purchase, or you may purchase online. When attending off-campus or special events, khakis or dark pants (no jeans) and OTD polo shirts should be worn. The OT student organization typically sells polos. You will have the opportunity to order ID and lab jackets. The lab jackets have the college and professional OT logo. For Orientation, please dress for the professional business environment, but you do not need to wear a suit. No jeans, flip-flops, sneakers, or sandals are permitted.

Books:

The Official Bookstore is 3301 College Ave Bldg. 37 The Website is <https://nsubooks.bncollege.com/> If you need to speak with someone at the **Bookstore** directly, please contact **1-877-420-1734**. We encourage you to purchase books online before Orientation. [See the separate booklist.](#)

Be sure that you order each book by the ISBN, not just the title, to be sure that you will be getting the latest edition. If a newer edition to a book is available from the bookstore than printed on the booklist, please notify the professor so that we may advise you or adjust the list, as necessary.

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) will welcome you. 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:

We have an excellent dedicated faculty who will be your mentors and advisors as you proceed through the program. We maintain availability to all our students, and you will have an opportunity to meet many of the faculty during Orientation. You will each be assigned a faculty member as an academic advisor, who will assist you during your time the program. We will provide you with complete contact information for faculty and administration during Orientation. Here are the essential administrative and support contacts in the program:

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

Thank you,



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