

## 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.

**OTD Department Orientation will begin on Friday, May 10, 2024, and attendance is mandatory.** Orientation will start at 9:00 am on May 10<sup>th</sup> and will end around 3:00 pm. During the department orientation, policies and procedures will be discussed, questions regarding fieldwork and capstone projects/experiences will be answered, and a student panel to address the differences between undergraduate and graduate school along with an explanation of continuity of coursework will be provided. The department will also provide lunch that day, and you will meet the faculty.

**General Orientation will begin on Monday, May 13, 2024, and attendance is mandatory.** You will be notified by the Office of Student Affairs about the morning events. In the afternoon, the OTD department will continue orientation with faculty led discussions in the afternoon and meetings with your academic advisors. **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 them online. However, make sure that the color is Eggplant and not another color. 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 a professional business environment, but you do not need to wear a suit. No jeans, flip-flops, sneakers, or sandals are permitted. I would also recommend flats or comfortable shoes to walk in.

### 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 from 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 whom you met via ZOOM before orientation. The student ambassadors will join you for lunch on May 13<sup>th</sup> to assist with any additional questions. You should have had contact with your buddy from the second-year cohort to guide you on navigating the program from a student perspective. In addition, our Student OT Association (SOTA) will welcome you once you have begun the program to not overwhelm you. We will provide a great deal of information during orientation. The expectation is that you will need to continue to ask questions as you transition from undergraduate to graduated studies. We are here for you and 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 as you move through 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:

- **Department of Occupational Therapy Chair (Ft. Lauderdale & Tampa – Dr. Tamara Pinchevsky-Font**
- **Program Director – Dr. Margo Kreger**
- **Academic Fieldwork Coordinator: Dr. Heather Knoeferl**
- **Capstone Coordinator: Dr. Christene Braunius**
- **OTD Academic Coordinator: Sonica Jean-Mary**
- **Fieldwork Support Coordinator: Eleiny Millan**

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

Sincerely,



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