

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) (<https://www.twu.edu/occupational-therapy/graduate-programs/doctor-of-occupational-therapy>) degree is a post-professional clinical practice degree that engages practicing occupational therapists in leadership for advanced roles as master practitioner, advocate for client populations, and occupational therapy educator. The curriculum is designed to be experienced while active in the profession with learning activities integrated into clinical practice. The program is structured for continuous part-time enrollment utilizing distance education methods.

Admission Requirements

- Current occupational therapy license or registration;
- Master level degree;
- 3.2 minimum GPA on master level work;
- Faculty mentor agreement;
- Successful completion of the OTD application process inclusive of written application and interviews;
- Satisfactory English language proficiency score (if applicable);
- Original score report from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) taken within 10 years of application date;
- Admission to the TWU Graduate School

Degree Requirements

The OTD degree consists of 33 credit hours, 27 required and 6 elective (selected under the tutelage of a faculty mentor), including a doctoral capstone project. Optimum enrollment in the program is 6-7 hours per semester for a completion of the core curriculum in 5 semesters, program completion and graduation are contingent upon successful completion of the capstone project. The entire program must be completed within 6 years of initial registration.

Progression Requirements

- Students must meet the academic requirements of the Graduate School throughout their course of study in the OTD Program
- No course with a grade below B is accepted toward the OTD degree. If a student earns a grade below B in program courses, continuation of the degree program is reviewed by the student's advisory committee.
- Students who earn a D, F, or WF in an OTD course will be dismissed from the OTD program.
- Students placed under academic probation by the Graduate School a second time will be dismissed from the OTD program.

Curriculum Design

The curriculum consists of 2 components, core coursework and individually mentored professional development in an area of specialization. Core coursework addresses professional leadership in three broad roles of master practitioner, advocate, and educator. While engaged in core coursework, students will simultaneously enroll in a series of individually mentored courses. Through this mentorship, students will create a professional development plan for specialty emphasis. This plan includes experiential learning in the field and a doctoral capstone project. Learning activities are experienced and integrated with clinical work and engagement in occupational therapy

practice is an expectation. Courses are conducted primarily online with one or two campus visits per semester.

Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program of Study (33 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	SCHs
Fall One: 2 Campus Visits		
OT 6823	Current Issues and Trends in Occupational Therapy	3
OT 6103	Mentored Professional Development I	3
OT 6101	Professional Development Core I	1
Spring One: 1 Campus Visit		
OT 6201	Professional Development Core II	1
OT 6203	Mentored Professional Development II	3
OT 6553	Applied Research Design and Methods	3
Summer One: 1 Campus Visit		
OT 6133	Advanced Evidence-Based Occupational Therapy Practice	3
Elective		3
Fall Two: 2 Campus Visits		
OT 6223	Theory and Knowledge Development in Occupational Therapy	3
OT 6401	Mentored Professional Development III	1
Elective		3
Spring Two: 1 Campus Visit		
OT 6243	Learning Designs for Occupational Therapy Knowledge	3
OT 6301	Professional Development Core III	1
OT 6402	Mentored Professional Development IV	2
Total SCHs		33