

Health Sciences BS/ Occupational Therapy OTD (3+3)



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COLLEGE of HEALTH PROFESSIONS



CAREER and INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Occupational therapists provide essential therapy and rehabilitation to help people live as independently as possible after illness, injury or because of developmental challenges.

Consider where you could be in only six years:

- Providing individual or group therapy in a rehabilitation center for adults recovering from brain injuries.
- Working in a school setting helping students with disabilities learn the skills to live independently upon graduation.
- Consulting with caregivers, community centers or other health organizations to support quality of life and well-being.

Jefferson is known for crossing disciplines to reimagine the way students learn with an approach that is collaborative and active; global; integrated with industry; focused on research across disciplines to foster innovation and discovery; and technology-enhanced. As a national doctoral research university, Jefferson delivers high-impact professional education in 160 undergraduate and graduate programs to 7,800 students in architecture, business, design, engineering, fashion and textiles, health, social science and science.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Do you already know you want to be an occupational therapist? You can earn both your bachelor's and doctoral degrees in six years through our accelerated dual degree program, known for educating compassionate, talented and hard-working professionals. You will have opportunities to:

- Work closely with faculty committed to providing meaningful professional and research opportunities.
- Benefit from a seasoned advisor to support academic progress and post-graduate planning.
- Use state-of-the-art facilities to practice clinical skills such as assessment and intervention, and the application of therapeutic techniques.
- Collaborate with students from industrial design and architecture to develop assistive devices and create environments to support people's full participation in everyday activities.
- Take a semester to study-away according to interest and location or, earn patient contact hours through a Global Medical Brigade mission trip to Africa or Central America.

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Curriculum

PRE-PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

Years 1 + 2 + 3

Hallmarks

Pathways Seminar
Writing Seminar I & II
Ethics
American Diversity
Global Diversity
Global Citizenship
American Studies
Quantitative Reasoning
Contemporary Global Issues
Integrative Seminar
Capstone Folio

Writing Intensive *(choose one)*

Exercise Physiology
Women's Health
Microbiology
Immunology
Medicinal Plants

Sciences

Biology with Lab
Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Lab
Physics with Lab

Psychology

Introduction
Developmental Psychology
Abnormal Psychology

Health Sciences Core

Introduction to Health Professions
Introduction to Healthcare
Applied Statistics
Medical Terminology

Health Sciences Electives *(6 credits) choose from*

Children's Health
Women's Health
Fitness & Wellness
Nutrition, Health
Law & Ethics
Kinesiology
Exercise Physiology
Emergency Medical Technician
Introduction to Nursing Profession
Clinical Interactions

Major Electives *(12 credits) choose from*

Biology
Psychology
Community and Trauma Counseling
Health Sciences

PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

Year 4

Applied Anatomy & Kinesiology
Health & Health Conditions
Foundations of Occupation-Centered Practice
Occupation through the Life Span
Domains of OT Practice – Fieldwork Level I
Developing your OTD Practice Toolkit
Neuroscience Foundations of OT
Foundations of Occupation – Centered Laboratory II
Evaluation Process
Historical Perspective on Theory-Based Practice
Interventions: Environmental Competence & Lab
Environmental Competence in Action
Exploration of Doctoral Level OT Practice

BS Awarded upon Successful Completion of Year 4

Summer Semester

Occupational Analysis & Evaluation – Fieldwork Level I
Health Services Administration
& Professional Development
Research Mentorship & Methods
OTD Leadership: National & Global Perspectives

Year 5

Interventions: Enhancing Human Performance & Lab
Interventions: Enhancing Human Performance –
Fieldwork Level I
Interventions: Enhancing Social Participation & Lab
Interventions: Enhancing Social Participation –
Fieldwork Level I
Professional Practice & Inquiry in OT
Fieldwork Level IIA
Evidence-Based Practice I
Fieldwork Level IIB
Evidence-Based Practice II

Summer Semester

Advanced Evidence-Based Practice for the OTD Student
Visionary Practice: Creating & Measuring Outcomes
of Therapeutic Programs
The Doctoral Residency Plan:
Preparing for the OTD Residency

Year 6

Doctoral Capstone A
Collaborating for Success:
The Mentored OTD Process A
Reflections & Plans for the Future:
Outcomes of the Capstone A
Doctoral Capstone B
Collaborating for Success:
The Mentored OTD Process B
Reflections & Plans for the Future:
Outcomes of the Capstone B
The OTD Portfolio: Planning & Presentation

