

School of Health Sciences

Graduate Pathway Plan

DOCTOR IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OTD)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pacific's Doctor of Occupational Therapy program educates students to become reflective practitioners and learn the distinct value of occupation as a therapeutic measure. Students begin with foundational coursework and advance to learning intervention strategies for specific age groups and life challenges. Instruction is delivered in an accelerated format, offering interdisciplinary courses in small group lectures and simulation labs. Graduates acquire the ability to promote integrated health and wellness behaviors across the lifespan for diverse populations, communities, and individuals.

START TERM:

SPRING

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

JUNE 1 (PRIORITY DEADLINE)

NOVEMBER 30 (FINAL DEADLINE – ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS)

PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS:

Pathway 1: Guaranteed OTD Admission Interview -

- 1) Minimum GPA of 3.0 in last 60 units of college coursework.
- 2) Minimum grade of "C" in all prerequisite courses (see next page).
- 3) Minimum of 40 clinical occupational therapy observation hours.
- 4) Complete OTCAS Application by published deadline.

Pathway 2: Guaranteed OTD Admission –

- 1) Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- 2) Minimum prerequisite course GPA of 3.0.
- 3) Minimum of 40 clinical occupational therapy observation hours.
- 4) Completed OTCAS Application by published deadline.
- 5) Ability to meet OTD technical standards.

PREREQUISITE COURSES:

UOP COURSE ID:	SUBJECT AREA
BIO 170	ANATOMY
BIO 180	PHYSIOLOGY
MATH 035	STATISTICS
HESP 061	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

UOP COURSE ID:	SUBJECT AREA
HESP 161 OR PHYS 017	PHYSICS/ MOVEMENT SCIENCE/ BIOMECHANICS
ANY 3.0-UNIT COURSE IN ANY OF THE SUBJECT AREAS	SOCIOLOGY/ ANTHROPOLOGY/ ETHICS
PSYC 029	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
PSYCH 017	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

PLUS RECOMMENDED COURSES IN:

THERAPEUTIC MEDIA – ONE (1) COURSE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ARTS 003-059, ARTS 075, ARTS 077, ARTS 105, OR ARTS 133

ORAL COMMUNICATION – ONE (1) COURSE IN EITHER: CORE 001 OR COMM 027

OTD PREPARATION PLAN:

By following this OTD preparation plan, you will strengthen your preparation and chances for success in graduate study as well as enhance the depth and quality of your undergraduate learning experience.

Year 1:

1. Establish a career plan with Career Services Advisor
2. Create a LinkedIn account – connect with professional occupational therapy-related groups/ associations.
3. Attend a Pacific Grad Expo and connect with OTD program reps
4. Attend an OTD info session
5. Join the Pacific OTD social media channels

Year 2:

1. Class planning check-in with Faculty Advisor
2. Attend a regional occupational therapy-related group meeting/ event
3. Join/ create an occupational therapy-related student organization
4. Do job shadowing. Work as an occupational therapy aide, view OT videos on AOTA.com
5. Attend a Pacific OTD community event

Year 3:

1. Discuss OTD pre-requisites with your undergraduate Faculty Advisor
2. Visit the Pacific Volunteer Center to explore local occupational therapy-related community service/ observation opportunities.
3. Attend a Pacific OTD event – connect with an OTD Student Leader

Year 4:

1. Discuss degree progress and graduation with Faculty Advisors
2. Schedule a Career Advising appointment for graduate school application support.
3. Attend a Grad Financial Aid workshop and OTCAS application workshop
4. Discuss your career goals and interest in attending health professional schools with your professors and set up recommenders for OTCAS application
5. Attend an OTD information session
6. Continue occupational therapy-related internship or job.
7. Attend a Pacific OTD event – connect with an OTD Student Leader