St AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) at St. Ambrose University is 36 months in length. Successful completion of the program requires student must maintain a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in OTD professional program coursework. OTD coursework is calculated each semester to monitor academic standing. Graduates will complete a total of 97-102 credits, including 24 weeks of full-time fieldwork, and a 14-week Doctoral Capstone Experience.

OVERVIEW
Students begin their coursework learning the Professional Foundation. This includes the domain and process of occupational therapy and the science of the human body that support occupational performance. Students advance to applying their knowledge during classroom and laboratory experiences.

The following semesters emphasize Occupational Engagement: A Fit between Person and Environment. These include courses that examine the client and environmental factors that impact occupational participation, including evidence that guides assessment and intervention strategies that promote occupational engagement considering typical development, as well as the impact of disease, injury, or illness.

Students engage in Fieldwork that allows application and practice of principles from the classroom followed by guided reflection activities.

The final year culminates in a transition from student to practitioner with a doctoral capstone project, comprehensive exam, and capstone experience. This supports the Bridge to Professional Practice.

FORMAT
The OTD Program is delivered in a hybrid model with classes online and on-campus. Students are required to have access to technology/device with Microsoft Office software and access to internet connection. A device is a computer or tablet with a full operating system. The computer or tablet uses a Mac, Windows, or iPad operating system. Any current iPad must be compatible with Microsoft Surface Pro 4 or newer Surface Pro devices running Windows 10 and 11 will be compatible. University owned laptops may be available for testing in emergency situations. However, it is the responsibility of the student to have a device that will allow for class and testing activities. Please contact your faculty advisor for any needs, concerns or assistance.

COURSE SEQUENCE
The following courses have been approved as the curriculum for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program.

Semester 1
OTD 515: Occupational Justice and Foundations of OT • 3 credits
OTD 520: OT Process: Analyzing Occupations for Individuals and Groups • 3 credits
OTD 525: Assessment • 3 credits
OTD 530: Applied Neuroscience in OT • 4 credits
OTD 540: Analyzing Movement in Occupational Performance • 4 credits
Semester 2
OTD 550: Interventions IA • 5 credits
OTD 551: Interventions IB • 5 credits
OTD 555: Critical Inquiry I • 3 credits
OTD 560: Fieldwork IA • 3 credits
Interim/Summer
OTD 575: OT Research Methods • 3 credits
OTD 580: Leadership and Management in OT Practice • 3 credits
Semester 4
OTD 600: Interventions IIA • 5 credits
OTD 601: Interventions IIB • 5 credits
OTD 605: Critical Inquiry II • 3 credits

OTD 625: Scholarship I • 2 credits
OTD 626: Capstone Project I 1 credit
OTD 630: Fieldwork IB • 3 credits
Semester 5
OTD 650: Interventions IIIA • 4 credits
OTD 651: Interventions IIIB • 4 credits
OTD 655: Critical Inquiry III • 3 credits
OTD 660: Fieldwork IC • 3 credits
OTD 675: Scholarship II • 2 credits
OTD 676: Capstone Project II 1 credit
Interim/Summer
OTD 705: Doctoral Capstone Proposal I • 1 credit
OTD 710: Doctoral Capstone Proposal II 2 credits
OTD 730: Level II Fieldwork 3 credits
OTD 725: Scholarship III (Optional) • 2 credits
OTD 726: Special Topics (Optional) • 1-3 credits
Semester 6
OTD 730: Level II Fieldwork • 3 credits
OTD 735: Level II Fieldwork • 6 credits
Semester 7
OTD 750: Capstone Project III • 2 credits
OTD 800: Capstone Experience • 8 credits

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