

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, POST-PROFESSIONAL

The advanced practice occupational therapy doctorate (OTD) program trains practicing occupational therapists to engage as clinician-scholars in a multidirectional and interprofessional integration of basic research, client-oriented research, and population-based research, with the long-term aim of measuring and improving the health of the public, especially in the clinical area of post-acute care.

The 36-credit program is delivered in a creative and innovative online format. The curriculum includes a combination of courses focused on leadership, research, teaching and assessment strategies, and quality. Additionally, the program incorporates elective course work and a mentored capstone designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of evidence-based occupational therapy.

Visit the program website (<https://smhs.gwu.edu/occupational-therapy/>) for additional program information.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Summer - April 1

Deadlines:

The application and all supporting documentation (fees, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, transcripts) must be received by the deadline in order for the application to be reviewed.

Standardized Not required

Test Scores:

Recommend Two (2) recommendations required. One letter required: must be from a registered occupational therapist describing leadership or scholarship in clinical practice.

Prior Academic Records: Transcripts required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes.

If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English language translation must be provided in addition to the original transcripts; translations alone will not be accepted.

Official transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grades, U.S. degree equivalency, grade-point averages (GPA), and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services, please click [here](#).

Statement of Purpose: Please include a 250-500 word essay describing your reasons for undertaking study at the George Washington University, your academic objectives, career development plan, and related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, relevant to your program of interest. Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form.

Additional Requirements: For currently practicing occupational therapists:

-Completion of a master's degree from an accredited entry-level OT program (MSOT); current and active license to practice occupational therapy; or

-Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited entry-level OT program (BSOT) and a master's degree in a related field; current and active license to practice occupational therapy.

For students who are currently enrolled in an accredited entry level MSOT program:

-Good standing and completion of at least 30 credits toward the MSOT.

International Applicants: PLEASE NOTE that the Health Sciences programs require the following minimum English language test scores for admission:

-Academic IETLS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0; or

-TOEFL: 600 on paper-based, 250 on computer-based, or 100 on Internet-based; or

-Academic PTE: 68

Supporting Documents not Submitted Online should be Mailed to:

Office of Admissions
Health Sciences Programs
The George Washington University
2600 Virginia Avenue
Suite 104
Washington, DC 20037

Alternatively, official electronic transcripts can be sent to hsphora@gwu.edu

Contact for Questions:

hsphora@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-0384 (phone) ~ 202-994-0870 (fax)

9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 33 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 9 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Transdisciplinary practice and research courses		
HFR 8123	Qualitative Methods for the Health Professions	
OT 8220	Measurement of Human Function and Learning	
OT 8274	Program Theory and Health Innovations	
Scholarship in occupational therapy courses		
HFR 8270	Research Methods in the Health Professions I	
HFR 8271	Research Methods in the Health Professions II	
OT 8272	Mixed Methods in Translational Health Sciences	
OT 8275	Doctoral Capstone Preparation	
OT 8276	Doctoral Capstone	
Electives		

9 credits in elective courses selected in consultation with the Program Director.