

Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD-PP)



SHENANDOAH[®]
UNIVERSITY

Division of Occupational Therapy

An Online, One- or Two-Year Professional Degree Program (21 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Shenandoah University's Division of Occupational Therapy (SUDOT) offers an innovative online graduate program leading to a Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree.

This program is designed for practicing registered occupational therapists who have obtained a master's degree and want to advance in leadership and develop as evidence-based scholars. The focus of this interdisciplinary clinical doctoral program is to advance students with knowledge in occupational science, evidence-based practice, leadership, and the application of teaching and learning strategies. The program is offered entirely online, allowing students the flexibility to earn this degree from any location.

The OTD-PP requires 30 credits to earn the degree. Students will earn a total of 21 credits through the Division of OT at Shenandoah University. Up to 9 graduate credits will be transferred from the student's previous graduate degree.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Completion of a master's degree from an accredited institution. The master's degree can be an area of study in a related field if the applicant also received a bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application and \$30 application fee
- Unofficial transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended for initial review
- Current NBCOT certification
- Resume or C.V.
- Language Proficiency requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>

CAREER OUTLOOK

Occupational therapy, as a profession, needs practitioners with advanced degrees to lead, conduct research, and teach in order to meet the needs of our ever changing healthcare and societal environments. In all areas of occupational therapy practice, there is a need for future leaders to advocate and shape the policies and programs that are impacting our societies. The profession also needs practitioners who are prepared to advance the profession's understanding of evidence-based practice and teach the next generation of occupational therapists.

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term

Summer 2026 (May)

Admission Deadline

May 15

Completed applications reviewed regularly

PREREQUISITES: Master's Degree

Format/Location

Online

Required Tests

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Foreign Transcripts

Must be evaluated by an accredited service.

Approved services are listed at www.naces.org and <http://aice-eval.org/>.

How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to <https://www.su.edu/admissions/graduate-students/occupational-therapy-application-information/>

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Discounts are available for SUDOT alumni, employees of clinical sites for SUDOT, employees of Valley Health Systems, Inova Health Systems, and West Virginia University Hospital - East



CURRICULUM

Track I – One-Year Option

Course	Title	Credits
Summer Semester 1		
OT 765	Application of Learning Theories in OT	1
OT 775	Leadership in Action	3
OT 785	Occupational Science	3
Fall Semester		
OT 770	Advanced Writing and Practice in OT	3
OT 780	Advanced Quantitative Methods	3
Spring Semester		
OT 783	Advanced Qualitative Methods	3
OT 870	Post-Professional Capstone Design	2
Summer Semester 2		
OT 880	Post-Professional Capstone Implementation	3
Total		21

Track II – Two-Year Option

Course	Title	Credits
Summer Semester 1		
OT 765	Application of Learning Theories in OT	1
OT 775	Leadership in Action	3
Fall Semester		
OT 780	Advanced Quantitative Methods	3
Spring Semester 1		
OT 783	Advanced Qualitative Methods	3
Summer Semester 2		
OT 785	Occupational Science	3
Fall Semester 2		
OT 770	Advanced Writing and Practice in OT	3
Spring Semester 2		
OT 870	Post-Professional Capstone Design	2
Summer Semester 3		
OT 880	Post-Professional Capstone Implementation	3
Total		21

Additional university offerings include Global Experiential Learning opportunities and specialized certifications, such as:

- Public Health
- Performing Arts Health & Fitness
- Esports Health & Fitness
- Esports Medicine
- Performing Arts Medicine
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Population Health