DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT SRU
The doctor of occupational therapy program at SRU enrolled its first cohort in summer 2018 and offers an on-campus, face-to-face learning format with scheduled off-campus fieldwork placements. The curriculum focuses on contemporary practices using evidence-based strategies to provide students with generalist and advanced training learning experiences. Classroom laboratory learning opportunities are influenced by accreditation standards established by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. This entry level doctoral degree program will be offered during a 36-month period.

At SRU, we have strong undergraduate majors that will provide you with excellent preparation for OTD school. SRU offers both traditional and accelerated options in which students can select an undergraduate major that matches their interests. The SRU OTD program admits 30 students per year but that will not limit the number of highly qualified applicants it will accept from SRU undergraduate programs.

For more information about the SRU OTD program and its requirements, please visit www.sru.edu/OT.

TRADITIONAL PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Students should choose an undergraduate major that best suits their interests and then complete the requirements for their chosen major while also completing pre-requisite coursework for the SRU OTD program. Students choosing this option will apply to the OTD program during their senior year at SRU.

ACCELERATED 3+3 PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
The accelerated options are for first-year students only and allow students to earn both their bachelor’s degree and doctor of occupational therapy degree in six years rather than seven. During the first three years, students complete their undergraduate major courses and pre-requisites for the SRU OTD program. During students’ third undergraduate year is when they would apply for admission into the SRU OTD program. If accepted into the OTD program, students’ completion of their first year meets the remaining requirements for their undergraduate degree. If students are not accepted into SRU’s OTD program, they would continue to complete their undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program their senior year.

The following majors are available for the 3+3 accelerated option:

- Exercise Science
- Health Care Administration and Management
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Recreational Therapy

Students should access SRU’s majors webpage to learn more about each major to determine which best suits their interests at www.sru.edu/majors.
SRU PROVIDES AN OUTSTANDING PREPARATION FOR OTD SCHOOL

- Earn a bachelor’s degree with any major in a specific discipline
- Excellent reputation in sciences and health sciences
- Faculty who get to know and interact with their students
- Classes taught by faculty only
- Advisers who partner with students to plan for graduate studies and careers
- Practical, hands-on education
- Modern classrooms and laboratories

REQUIRED UNDERGRADUATE PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

- Anatomy and Physiology I & II / Labs
- Elements of Physics I/ Lab or Biomechanics
- Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Sociology or Anthropology Course
- Research Methods
- Medical Terminology

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Students in high school can prepare by taking high school coursework in biology, physics, anatomy and physiology, psychology and statistics. While you are highly encouraged to take advanced placement courses in these areas to enhance learning opportunities, you will still have to take these courses as an undergraduate at SRU.