

# PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY



## DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT SRU

The doctor of occupational therapy (OTD) 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. Of the students admitted to the SRU OTD, there is no limit to 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](http://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. Students apply for admission into the SRU OTD program at the end of their second year. If accepted into the SRU 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 accelerated 3+3 option:

- Exercise Science
- Health Care Administration and Management
- Physical Activity and Fitness 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 interest at [www.sru.edu/majors](http://www.sru.edu/majors).

\*Slippery Rock University (SRU) is required by the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement and US Department of Education to notify you whether our program meets the academic licensure/certification requirements in another state. All jurisdictions have their own requirements for licensure/certification eligibility. SRU is approved to offer programs that may lead to licensure/certification in Pennsylvania. We are unable to determine our program's eligibility in states other than PA. Please review the licensing board contact resource at [www.sru.edu/licensure-certification](http://www.sru.edu/licensure-certification) to seek guidance on the requirements of licensure in your home state or where you would like to practice professionally. Note that state requirements are subject to change at any time and without notice.

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## SRU PROVIDES AN OUTSTANDING PREPARATION FOR OTD SCHOOL

- 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
- Earn a bachelor's degree in any major

## 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, anatomy and physiology, psychology, statistics, and physics. While taking advanced placement courses in these areas to enhance learning opportunities is recommended, students will be strongly encouraged to take these courses as an undergraduate at SRU.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[www.sru.edu/majors](http://www.sru.edu/majors)

## ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

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