OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

www.sru.edu/ot

DELIVERY METHOD
On-site

START TERM
Summer start only

COMPLETION TIME
Three years

NUMBER OF CREDITS
115 credits

According to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy the program's passing rate data is listed below for Slippery Rock Univerisity's Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD):

2023 - 96%

2022 - 95%

2021 - 100%

NBCOT website: https://www.nbcot.org/Educators-Folder/SchoolPerformance

ACOTE®
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

Slippery Rock University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

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Occupational therapists empower individuals and populations to fulfill their potential by engaging in activities they need and want to do to live meaningful lives. Occupational therapists work with individuals across the lifespan in both traditional and role-emerging practice settings using a holistic approach. SRU prepares you to help others "live life to the fullest"!

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Discover the OTD Difference at SRU:

- Dynamic curriculum rooted in evidence-based practice with curricular threads that emphasize collaboration, effectiveness, health and wellness, transferable knowledge and skills, and leadership.
- On-campus didactic instruction with contemporary laboratory and lecture settings
- Off-campus service-learning, fieldwork, and capstone experiences
- Fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®)
- Comprehensive 36-month program

What to expect:

- Spend the first 24 months completing classroom instruction that includes participating in engaging learning experiences to build a strong foundation in occupational therapy theory and practice.
- Apply knowledge and clinical skills for two 12-week fieldwork experiences. SRU offers diverse opportunities for placements within urban and regional hospital settings, school-districts, out-patient pediatric and adult settings, skilled nursing facilities, in-patient rehabilitation units, and more.
- The final semester includes a 14 –week doctoral capstone experience that allows students to develop expertise in a designated area of focus through creation of a collaborative project that integrates the site's needs and the student's interests. Findings are then disseminated to provide the student with scholarly presentation experience.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The SRU Advantage:

- Affordability of a state system university without sacrificing quality education
- Multiple opportunities to engage in rich community-based service-learning experiences during didactic instruction
- Designated College of Health Professions to facilitate dynamic interprofessional education opportunities which enhance clinical understanding and collaboration
- Fieldwork opportunities in urban, suburban, and rural locations to include pediatric, adult, and mental health settings.
- Capstone experience options which include traditional and role-emerging practice areas
- Multiple options for engagement with peers outside the classroom
  - Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) Club
  - Coalition for Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD) Club
  - Pi Theta Epsilon National Honor Society- Epsilon Omicron Chapter
  - Student Peer Mentorship Program

Why be a Doctor of Occupational Therapy?

- Graduate with in-depth knowledge and skills in one or more of the following areas: clinical practice, administration, research, leadership, program and policy development, advocacy, education, and theory development
- Engage in faculty/student research with the potential to present at local and national conferences
- Strengthen clinical skills in psycho-social, pediatric, and adult populations
- Gain experience necessary to become an effective future leader and advocate

ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

The entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at Slippery Rock University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Information regarding the program accreditation process and Slippery Rock University's current status can be obtained by contacting ACOTE® c/o AOTA at (301) 652-AOTA or online at www.acoteonline.org. ACOTE® is located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814.

Graduation from an ACOTE® accredited educational program makes one eligible to sit for the certification exam administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) to become a Registered Occupational Therapist (OTR) and to apply for state licensure in the state(s) in which one wishes to practice.

Professional Licensure Certification: Candidates who have completed the OT program are eligible to be nationally registered after achieving a passing score on the national certification examination. Satisfactory completion of the national certification exam is the first step towards state licensure, which is a different process in each state.

For more information about the OT Program, visit **www.sru.edu/OT**.

TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Full and part-time graduate assistantships are available for eligible graduate students for up to four semesters. Learn more about graduate admissions at **www.sru.edu/graduate**.

Financial Aid Office available to help you navigate through college costs; learn more at **www.sru.edu/FinAid**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS

International applicants, please visit **www.sru.edu/graduate** for requirements.

Slippery Rock University

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CURRICULUM GUIDE

Summer Academic Year I Requirements (10)

OCTH 605:	Fundamentals of OT Practice	3
OCTH 610:	Body Structures for Occupation	4
OCTH 630:	Theories & Tenets in OT	3

Fall Academic Year I Requirements (15)

OCTH 615:	Neurological Applications in OT	4
OCTH 620:	Development and Occupation	3
OCTH 640:	OT Process I: Physical Disabilities	4
OCTH 680:	Scholarship in OT I	3
OCTH 681:	Scholarship in OT I Seminar	1

Spring Academic Year I Requirements (15)

OCTH 625:	Factors that Impact Occupation	3
OCTH 650:	OT Process II: Psychosocial Applications	4
OCTH 665:	Therapeutic Media in OT	3
OCTH 730:	Scholarship in OT II	3
OCTH 731:	Scholarship in OT II Seminar	1
OCTH 645:	Level I Fieldwork A	1

Summer Academic Year II - Requirements (10)

OCTH 710:	Management Applications in OT	3
OCTH 724:	Community Health & Wellness	3
OCTH 765:	Leadership, Advocacy & Policy	3
OCTH 720:	Capstone Preparation Seminar I	1

Fall Academic Year II - Requirements (15)

OCTH 721:	Capstone Preparation Seminar II	1
OCTH 740:	OT Process III: Children & Youth	4
OCTH 745:	Level I Fieldwork B	1
OCTH 775:	Technology in Rehabilitation	3
OCTH 777:	Impact of Culture on Occupation	3
OCTH 781:	Scholarship in OT Seminar III	3

Spring Academic Year II - Requirements (16)

OCTH 722:	Capstone Preparation Seminar III	1
OCTH 750:	OT Process IV: Adult Applications	4
OCTH 755:	Level I Fieldwork C	1
OCTH 760:	Educational Strategies in Clinical and Academic Settings	3
OCTH 770:	Advanced Theory & Practice	4
OCTH 791:	Scholarship in OT Seminar IV	3

Summer Academic Year III - Requirements (13)

OCTH 792:	Professional Practice Seminar (pre-session)	4
OCTH 810:	Level II Fieldwork A	9

Fall Academic Year III - Requirements (9)

OCTH 815:	Level II Fieldwork B	9

Spring Academic Year III - Requirements (12)

OCTH 820:	Doctoral Capstone Practicum	9
OCTH 825:	Post-Doctoral Practicum Seminar	3

TOTAL CREDITS: 115

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Slippery Rock University OTD program is proud to use a holistic approach to graduate admissions to facilitate diversity within the profession. The following serve as guidelines for student application:

1. All applicants should complete the OTCAS (Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Services) application. Applications will be accepted from July 19, 2024 until April 1, 2025. Your OTCAS application must be submitted, completed, and verified by April 1, 2025.
2. Applicants must earn a baccalaureate degree or complete the first three years of the SRU 3+3 Pre-Occupational Therapy major by May 2025. Required pre-requisites include:
   - Anatomy & Physiology I & II: two semesters of lecture and laboratory (3-4 credits each)
   - Biomechanics, Kinesiology or Physics: lecture with laboratory (3-4 credits)
   - Statistics (one course) (3-4 credits)
   - Intro to Psychology (3-4 credits)
   - Life Span Human Development or Developmental Psychology (3-4 credits)
   - Abnormal Psychology (3-4 credits)
   - Sociology or Anthropology (one course in either area) (3-4 credits)
   - Research Methods: an undergraduate introductory or intermediate research course (3-4 credits) other research coursework will be considered on a case-by-case basis
   - Medical Terminology (1 credit)
3. Observation Hours: 12 or more observation hours of occupational therapy services provided by a licensed occupational therapist or assistant. Specific details and hours must be documented and verified with the practitioner's signature. A tracking form is available on the SRU OT website.
4. Minimum GPA Requirement: 3.0 cumulative GPA (Students with a GPA below 3.0 may apply for conditional admission).
5. Personal reflection statement on interest in occupational therapy as a profession
6. Three professional letters of reference: Examples include letters from a former instructor, employer, mentor, or volunteer supervisor

Additional pre-requisite considerations:

- Students with questions regarding pre-requisites are encouraged to contact the program director for a personalized review
- All pre-requisite courses must have been taken within the last 10 years and completed with a C grade (2.0) or higher
- AP/IB courses are only accepted for Intro to Psychology
- Credits for coursework or experiential learning completed at another occupational therapy program will not be accepted

NOTES:

Accepted applicants will receive notification through an offer letter at which time the student must submit a non-refundable $500 deposit. This deposit applies to tuition and must be submitted within 2 weeks to hold a seat in the upcoming class.

The following are necessary throughout the duration of the program*:

- Access to a laptop
- Ability to perform technical standards; please visit the website to view current requirements for occupational therapy students.
- Access to reliable transportation for both academic, fieldwork, and doctoral capstone experiences for distances of up to 75 miles one way
- Maintenance of health and liability insurance
- Proficiency in the English language

*Conviction of misdemeanor, felony or felonious or illegal act may prevent the student from becoming credentialed and/or licensed to practice in field of occupational therapy.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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