

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (PH.D.)

NSU Florida

At a Glance

- Earn your degree in 61 credit hours.
- Complete the program in as little as three to four years.
- Choose from three start dates (January, May, or August).

Program Format

- Program is offered entirely online (including dissertation) with only one exception: Candidates are required to come to campus two times during the curriculum.

Future Opportunities

- Ph.D. graduates can work in academia, research, government, and many different industries.

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Take Your Career to the Next Level in Research, Practice, and Academia

NSU's postprofessional Ph.D. in Occupational Therapy prepares you to advance and expand your career to new horizons. Become a leader in the field. Increase the knowledge base and practice of occupational therapy as a scholar, researcher, and academician. Get prepared to contribute to the field of occupational therapy with a focus on occupation, health, and well-being to meet society's ever-changing need for participation and engagement in occupation.

Our Ph.D. program and curriculum include occupational therapy and multidisciplinary core courses, electives, research residency, qualifying process, and completion of a dissertation study and report. The program offers a flexible schedule meant to fit the lifestyle of working professionals. Courses are online, with a four-day, on-campus Winter Research Institute held during the end of your second year of coursework. A research residency requirement and a qualifying process prior to starting your dissertation are also involved.

Occupational therapists who have completed a postprofessional clinical doctorate in occupational therapy (O.T.D. or Dr.O.T.) are offered an easy transition to a research doctoral program. The admissions criteria and curriculum for the Bridge to Ph.D. program are the same as the Ph.D. program; however, students in the bridge program can transfer up to 12 credit hours from their previously completed postprofessional doctoral program. Transferred credits are accepted in lieu of up to two core courses and up to two electives and are subject to evaluation of course syllabi and grades by the Ph.D. program director.



Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences (PCHCS)

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2022–2023 Curriculum | Total Credits: 61

			Credits
OCT	7010	Theory Development for Models of Practice	3
OCT	7101	The Health Professional As Academic Educator	3
OCT	7104	Occupational Science	3
OCT	7300	Biostatistics I	3
OCT	7301	Contexts of Occupation-Centered Practice	3
OCT	7310	Biostatistics II	3
OCT	7410	Qualitative Research Design	3
OCT	7411	Quantitative Research Design	3
OCT	7420	Mixed Methods	3
OCT	7820	Applying Measurement Theory to Evaluation	3
OCT	7850	Scholarly Writing for Publication and Grants	3
OCT	7860	Leadership Development in Multiple Contexts	3
OCT	7870	Dissertation Seminar	3
OCT	8945	Studies for the Qualifying Examination	1
OCT	8950	Research Residency	3
OCT	8970	Doctoral Dissertation	3*
		Electives	9

*A student must complete a minimum of 9 credit hours of Doctoral Dissertation (OCT 8970), remaining continuously enrolled in the course until the student's dissertation has been defended.



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