

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR PRACTICING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (OTD)

Department Website (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/programs/occupational-therapy/>)

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## Program Description

The Doctorate in Occupational Therapy for Practicing Occupational Therapists is a fully online program that prepares licensed professionals for leadership positions in academia, research, health facilities, and government and public service agencies. The 27-36-credit post-professional clinical doctoral program offers specializations in pediatrics and upper quadrant care.

### Advanced Standing

Students who graduated from an ACOTE entry-level masters program within the past 10 years will be eligible for consideration for advanced standing and reduced credits. These students must demonstrate that they completed courses equivalent to NYU MS OT program's specialized courses to be eligible for this reduced credit option. Students will be instructed to submit a list of specialized courses along with the courses' syllabi. The syllabi will be reviewed by the admissions committee for potential advanced standing.

## Admissions

Admission to graduate programs in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development requires the following minimum components:

- Résumé/CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Proficiency in English

See NYU Steinhardt's Graduate Admissions website (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/admissions/how-apply/graduate-students/>) for additional information on school-wide admission. Some programs may require additional components for admissions.

See How to Apply (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/doctor-occupational-therapy-otd-post-professional-degree/how-apply/>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

## Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
OT-GE 2762	Theoretical Foundations for Intervention	3
OT-GE 2763	Developing a Guideline for Intervention	3
OT-GE 2764	Ethics & Analytical Reasoning	3
OT-GE 3301	Evidence-Based Practice	3
OT-GE 3306	Advanced Assessment for Practicing Therapists	3
OT-GE 2038	Leadership in Occupational Therapy	3

OT-GE 2815	Teaching for the Health Professions	3
OT-GE 3310	Introduction to Professional Portfolio	1
OT-GE 3311	Professional Portfolio II	1
OT-GE 3312	Professional Portfolio III	1
OT-GE 3313	Professional Portfolio Defense	1
Electives by advisement		11
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
OT-GE 2038	Leadership in Occupational Therapy	3
OT-GE 2762	Theoretical Foundations for Intervention	3
OT-GE 3306	Advanced Assessment for Practicing Therapists	3
OT-GE 3310	Introduction to Professional Portfolio	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
OT-GE 2763	Developing a Guideline for Intervention	3
OT-GE 2764	Ethics & Analytical Reasoning	3
OT-GE 3301	Evidence-Based Practice	3
OT-GE 3311	Professional Portfolio II	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
OT-GE 3312	Professional Portfolio III	1
Electives		9
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
OT-GE 2815	Teaching for the Health Professions	3
OT-GE 3313	Professional Portfolio Defense	1
Elective		2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Demonstrate the ability to adequately assess existing measurement tools and identify their use for various settings and populations.
2. Demonstrate basic skills in philosophical inquiry to examine ethical dilemmas and develop sound arguments concerning professional issues.
3. Analyze and synthesize current empirical information and provide recommendations for best OT practice based on synthesized information.

## Policies

### Department Policies

#### Maintaining Matriculation

All PP-OTD students must maintain matriculation during the course of study for spring and fall semesters. The maintenance of matriculation can be done either through taking a credit-bearing NYU course or by registering for MAINT-GE 4747. PP-OTD students who are within the maximum allowable matriculation period and have completed required course work should maintain matriculation by registering for MAINT-GE 4747, 0 credits, exclusive of summer terms. They also must register for the Professional Portfolio Defense course OT-GE 3313 (0 credits).

All PP-OTD students who are beyond the maximum matriculation period and have been granted an extension are required to maintain continuous matriculation by taking a credit-bearing NYU course. PP-OTD students who have completed required coursework should maintain matriculation by registering for MAINT-GE 4747, 0 credits, exclusive of summer terms. They also must register for the Professional Portfolio Defense course OT-GE 3313 (0 credits).

### Final Grade Appeals

1. Students may only appeal final course grades.
2. Students wishing to appeal a course's final grade must first speak with the course instructor, who will determine whether there is any procedural reason for the change of grade. If a grade change is not granted by the course instructor, and the student wishes to pursue the appeal request, the student then must consult with their academic advisor to consider the feasibility of an appeal to the Department of Occupational Therapy Student Appeals Committee.
3. An appeal must be made in writing to the Department of Occupational Therapy Student Appeals Committee via email ([occupational.therapy@nyu.edu](mailto:occupational.therapy@nyu.edu)). The appeal must be submitted within 15 business days after the grade in question has been officially posted on Albert.
4. When students appeal a failing "F" final grade they are not permitted to continue the course sequence (and must drop all courses) while the appeal is in process. Therefore, students would be well advised to submit a letter of appeal as promptly as possible.
  - a. The formal appeal should be addressed to the Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy Student Appeals Committee.
  - b. The formal appeal for a final grade change must establish policy and procedural error directly affecting the issue in question. The student's letter of appeal should clearly state the reasons for appealing the final grade and include all relevant supporting documentation.
5. Appeals are reviewed by the Department of Occupational Therapy Student Appeals Committee. The Committee may require the student to present and appeal to the Committee in person.
6. The Chair of the Appeals Committee will notify the student of the Committee's decision within 10 business days of the initial filing date of the appeal.
7. If the student disagrees with the decision of the Appeals Committee, the student may file an appeal to the Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy within 10 business days from the date of the Appeals Committee's decision. The decision made by the Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy is final.

### Incomplete (I) Grades

The grade of Incomplete (I) is a temporary designation indicating that, due to extenuating circumstances, a student has not yet completed all required coursework, but is likely to pass the course once the remaining requirements are completed. A student may request an "I" grade from the professor providing a rationale for the request. There must also be a documented agreement between the student and the professor outlining the remaining course requirements and the deadline by which these must be completed. Professors can update an "I" grade via Albert SIS once the student has successfully completed the outstanding coursework. Should

a grade of "I" not be changed to a final grade by the established deadline, it will automatically convert to an "F" grade.

When an Incomplete grade is received in a course that serves as a prerequisite to a course in the following semester, the student may continue in the curriculum sequence with approval from the course instructor of the subsequent course. However, the incomplete grade must be resolved satisfactorily within the first three weeks of the new semester. If the incomplete grade is not resolved within this three-week period, the student will be required to withdraw from all courses that depend on the incomplete course as a prerequisite, and the Incomplete grade will convert to an "F." Please note: In accordance with NYU's Policy, a final grade of "F" cannot be removed from a transcript, and will be included in the GPA calculation.

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### Steinhardt Academic Policies

Additional academic policies can be found the Steinhardt academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/culture-education-human-development/academic-policies/>).