

# Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD)

Online Full Time & Part Time Program



**DOWNSTATE**  
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

### Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our program.
- Sign up to attend an Information Session.
- Assess the best time to apply; early applications are encouraged.
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program.
- For additional information, please visit the website.

### Steps to apply

1. **Download and Read the Application Instructions.**
2. **Check the Deadline on our website.**
3. **Prepare Your Documentation.**  
You may be required to upload documents related to your application.
4. **Submit Your Application via:**  
[www.tinyurl.com/5n73y897](http://www.tinyurl.com/5n73y897)
5. **Check Your Status.**  
Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status.

**See reverse for requirements >**



**Scan the QR code  
to visit the school's  
website or:**

[www.tinyurl.com/downstate-PP-OTD](http://www.tinyurl.com/downstate-PP-OTD)



**The Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD) program prepares currently practicing occupational therapists to become scholarly practitioners who can:**

- advance their professional career in a specialized area of practice
- develop and evaluate evidence-based health promotion programs to promote community wellbeing
- take on new roles in leadership and advocacy within their place of practice and beyond
- refine proficiencies in scholarly inquiry and teaching for a transition into academia

Our program is flexible and designed to meet the needs of busy professionals and provides opportunities for occupational therapists to develop skills that will enhance their professional practice and position them for new opportunities in evolving systems of healthcare and other services for children and adults with a disability or chronic disease.

The PP-OTD is 33 credits in 6 core courses, 2 capstone courses, and 3 elective courses. Students may choose from 2 specialty elective tracks: Occupational Therapy for Children and Families and Occupational Therapy for Adults with Disability or Chronic Diseases. Courses are delivered remotely in a distance learning format. Each student will work closely with a faculty mentor to design a capstone project. It is expected that students will be working while pursuing this degree. Full-time students will complete three courses (9 credits) each semester during Semesters 1–3, and fulfill all requirements within 5 semesters (including one summer). Part-time students would be expected to complete and fulfill all requirements within 6 semesters (including two summers).

## Admission Requirements

- A **Master's degree in Occupational Therapy** from colleges or universities accredited by one of the following: The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE), The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), United States Department of Education (USDE). If you have any questions about whether a transfer course will be accepted, you should check with the Office of Admissions prior to enrolling in the course.
- Current license to practice as an Occupational Therapist in a US jurisdiction.
- Current National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapists (NBCOT) registration.
- Two letters of recommendation. SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University has moved toward exclusive use of electronic recommendation submissions. Letters should be written by a current/former College Professor or an employer/supervisor at your place of employment. Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/4r9m4r62](http://www.tinyurl.com/4r9m4r62) to learn more about the letter of recommendations requirement.
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

Refer to the website for the most current information: [www.tinyurl.com/downstate-PP-OTD](http://www.tinyurl.com/downstate-PP-OTD)