



School of Health Professions

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORATE

Rutgers History

Revolutionary for more than 250 years, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is the nation's eighth oldest institution of higher learning. As one of only nine colonial colleges established before the American Revolution, Rutgers has a centuries-old tradition of rising to the challenges of each new generation. Founded in 1766, a decade before the American Revolution, Rutgers' history parallels the history of the nation.

OTD Program Overview

The Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program is housed in the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science (RMS) in the School of Health Professions (SHP) on the Rutgers Health campus. For additional information and current faculty please see our website. <https://shp.rutgers.edu/rehabilitation-movement-sciences/occupational-therapy-doctorate/>

Accreditation Update

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. Our program must have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Fieldwork

We currently have enrolled two cohorts. Our second year students have completed their first Level II Fieldwork experience in the Spring semester. Both cohorts will be participating in non-traditional fieldwork experiences, serving our community partners and populations in need.

Capstone

Our students begin to develop their capstone experiential and project during the summer semester of their second year.

Graduation

The Rutgers University OTD Program hopes to be graduating their first class in the Spring of 2024.