



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**  
**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	University of South Dakota
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) and Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	51.2306
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	Occupational Therapy
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	School of Health Sciences

**University Approval**

*To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.*

Elizabeth M. Freeburg 3/19/2020  
 Vice President of Academic Affairs or Date  
 President of the University

**1. This modification addresses a change in:**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) Add 4 new optional specializations and separate non-specialization course work as 1 of 5 options. |

**2. Effective date of change (enter catalog year):** 2020-2021

**3. Program Degree Level:**

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**4. Category:**

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:**

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

**Proposed new name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.*

**6. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):**

*Existing Curriculum*

*Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)*

**Occupational Therapy, O.T.D.**

Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.
				Core curriculum required for all students:			
ANAT	711	Human Gross Anatomy	6	ANAT	711	Human Gross Anatomy	6
OCTH	710	The Meaning of Occupation	2	OCTH	710	The Meaning of Occupation	2
OCTH	712	Structure, Movement and Occupation	4	OCTH	712	Structure, Movement and Occupation	4
OCTH	715	Occupational Performance: Childhood	3	OCTH	715	Occupational Performance: Childhood	3
OCTH	720	Philosophical & Theoretical Foundations of Occupational Therapy	2	OCTH	720	Philosophical & Theoretical Foundations of Occupational Therapy	2
OCTH	721	Neurological Foundation of Occupation	4	OCTH	721	Neurological Foundation of Occupation	4
OCTH	724	Therapeutic Use of Self & Groups	3	OCTH	724	Therapeutic Use of Self & Groups	3
OCTH	725	Occupational Performance: Adulthood	3	OCTH	725	Occupational Performance: Adulthood	3
OCTH	731	Physical & Psychosocial Health Conditions	4	OCTH	731	Physical & Psychosocial Health Conditions	4
OCTH	732	Therapeutic Adaptations to Enhance Occupational Performance	4	OCTH	732	Therapeutic Adaptations to Enhance Occupational Performance	4
OCTH	733	Promotion of Health & Prevention of Disability	3	OCTH	733	Promotion of Health & Prevention of Disability	3
OCTH	734	Environmental Influences on Occupation	3	OCTH	734	Environmental Influences on Occupation	3
OCTH	741	Professional Identity & Field Experiences I	3	OCTH	741	Professional Identity & Field Experiences I	3
OCTH	742	Preparatory Methods: Physical Agent Modalities & Orthotic Devices	4	OCTH	742	Preparatory Methods: Physical Agent Modalities & Orthotic Devices	4
OCTH	746	OT Assessment & Intervention: Adult Physical Disabilities	4	OCTH	746	OT Assessment & Intervention: Adult Physical Disabilities	4
OCTH	747	OT Assessment & Intervention: Psychosocial Practice	4	OCTH	747	OT Assessment & Intervention: Psychosocial Practice	4
OCTH	748	Interruptions to Adult Occupations	2	OCTH	748	Interruptions to Adult Occupations	2
OCTH	749	Interruptions to Adult Occupations II	2	OCTH	749	Interruptions to Adult Occupations II	2
OCTH	750	Leadership & Management in Healthcare	4	OCTH	750	Leadership & Management in Healthcare	4
OCTH	751	Professional Identity & Field Experiences II	2	OCTH	751	Professional Identity & Field Experiences II	2
OCTH	754	Social & Political Contexts of OT Practice	2	OCTH	754	Social & Political Contexts of OT Practice	2
OCTH	756	OT Assessment & Intervention: Childhood & Adolescence	4	OCTH	756	OT Assessment & Intervention: Childhood & Adolescence	4
OCTH	758	Interruptions to Childhood & Adolescent Occupations	3	OCTH	758	Interruptions to Childhood & Adolescent Occupations	3
OCTH	770	The Health Professional as Academic & Clinical Educator	2	OCTH	770	The Health Professional as Academic & Clinical Educator	2
OCTH	780	Research Design and Data Analysis	3	OCTH	780	Research Design and Data Analysis	3
OCTH	781	Evidence-Based Practice	1	OCTH	781	Evidence-Based Practice	1
OCTH	784	Scholarly Project Proposal	1	OCTH	784	Scholarly Project Proposal	1
OCTH	786	Scholarly Project (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	(1) 2 req	OCTH	786	Scholarly Project (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	(1) 2 req
PHGY	735	Human Physiology for OT	(1-4) 4 req	PHGY	735	Human Physiology for OT	(1-4) 4 req
OCTH	800	Capstone Proposal (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	1 2 req	OCTH	800	Capstone Proposal (Must enroll twice, each for 1 cr)	1 2 req
						Subtotal	90
				<b>Student must select one of the 5 available tracks:</b>			
				<b>Nonspecialization</b>			
OCTH	764	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	764	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	774	Level II Fieldwork	6	OCTH	774	Level II Fieldwork	6
OCTH	801	Capstone Experience Enrolls 1x for 10 cr	(4-12) 10 req	OCTH	801	Capstone Experience Enrolls once for 10 cr	(4-12) 10 req
OCTH	802	Capstone Project	2	OCTH	802	Capstone Project	1-2 2 req
						<b>Subtotal for nonspecialization</b>	<b>24</b>
						<b>Total number of hours required for degree nonspecialization requirements</b>	<b>114</b>
				<b>Specializations:</b>			
				The Specialization is optional and available only to enrolled Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree-seeking students. It is awarded after successful completion of the identified program of study with a minimum of a B attained in all coursework leading to the Specialization (30 – 33 credits), and an A earned in a minimum of 24 credits.			

					<b>Pediatric Specialization</b>			
				OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	
				OCTH	775	Level II Fieldwork in Pediatrics	6	
				OCTH	811	Capstone Experience Pediatrics	10	
				OCTH	812	Capstone Project Pediatrics	2	
				Elective: Choose One				
				OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3	
				OCTH	592	Special Topic	3	
				ANAT	712	Embryology	2	
				Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 715, OCTH 756, OCTH 775, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 811, OCTH 812, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0.				
				Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Pediatrics				
				<b>Subtotal for pediatric specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)</b>				<b>32-33</b>
				<b>Total number of hours required for degree + Pediatric Specialization</b>				<b>116-117</b>
						<b>Neuroscience &amp; Rehabilitation Specialization</b>		
				OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	
				OCTH	776	Level II Fieldwork in Neuro Rehabilitation	6	
				OCTH	821	Capstone Experience in Neuro Rehabilitation	10	
				OCTH	822	Capstone Project in Neuro Rehabilitation	2	
				OCTH	792	The Home Environment	3	
				Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 721, OCTH 776, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 821, OCTH 822, and OCTH 792 with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0.				
				Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Neuroscience & Rehabilitation				
				<b>Subtotal for Neuroscience &amp; Rehabilitation specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)</b>				<b>30</b>
				<b>Total number of hours required for degree + Neuroscience &amp; Rehabilitation Specialization</b>				<b>117</b>
						<b>Mental Health Specialization</b>		
				OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	
				OCTH	777	Level II Fieldwork in Mental Health	6	
				OCTH	831	Capstone Experience in Mental Health	10	
				OCTH	832	Capstone Project in Mental Health	2	
				<b>Elective (choose one)</b>				
				OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3	
				OCTH	592	Special Topic	3	
				Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 747, OCTH 777, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 831, OCTH 832, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0.				
				Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Mental Health.				
				<b>Subtotal for Mental Health specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)</b>				<b>30</b>
				<b>Total number of hours required for degree + Mental Health Specialization</b>				<b>117</b>
						<b>Rural/Underserved Specialization</b>		
				OCTH	764 OR 774	Level II Fieldwork	6	
				OCTH	778	Level II Fieldwork in Rural/Underserved	6	
				OCTH	841	Capstone Experience in Rural/Underserved	10	
				OCTH	842	Capstone Project in Rural/Underserved	2	
				<b>Elective (choose one)</b>				
				OCTH	759	Trauma Informed Care	3	
				OCTH	592	Special Topic	3	

				Students must achieve a minimum of a 3.0 in OCTH 733, OCTH 734, OCTH 778, OCTH 784, OCTH 786, OCTH 800, OCTH 841, OCTH 842, and the elective course with a minimum of 24 credits earned at a 4.0. Focus of research project in OCTH 784 and OCTH 786 and capstone proposal in OCTH 800 must be in Rural/Underserved.
				<b>Subtotal for Rural/Underserved specialization (including core curriculum coursework required as part of the specialization)</b> <b>32</b>
				<b>Total number of hours required for degree + Rural/Underserved Specialization</b> <b>117</b>
<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			114	<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b> <b>114-117</b>
<b>Accelerated OTD Program: Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience Specialization with OTD standard program and Accelerated OTD Program: B.S. - Kinesiology and Sport Management with OTD standard program.</b> 3+3 PROGRAM OPTION (by application to the program through OTCAS) This program is available, by application, to eligible University of South Dakota students in the Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience specialization The following restrictions apply: a) be enrolled in a USD undergraduate program; b) earn 90 undergraduate credits by the end of the junior year; <sup>1</sup> c) meet all major, distribution, general education, and testing requirements in accord with institutional and regental policies, guidelines, and requirements by the end of the junior year; d) have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA by the end of the junior year, and earn the following scores on the GRE: 40 <sup>th</sup> percentile rank Verbal, 45 <sup>th</sup> percentile rank Quantitative and a writing score of 4.0; <sup>2</sup> e) submit to the Occupational Therapy program a statement of interest regarding entry into the 3+3 program option by the beginning of the third semester; f) receive a letter of recommendation from the Neuroscience, BS program director attesting not only to the student's intellectual strengths, but also to the student's maturity, work ethic, and overall readiness for graduate school (in addition to the letters required from an occupational therapist or other health or social service provider and an employer as part of the standard OT admissions process); g) complete the standard application for admission to the OT Program through OTCAS. This may be completed as early as the sophomore year of the undergraduate curriculum if the following requirements are met and maintained: overall GPA of 3.5, science GPA of 3.2, No Cs in pre-requisite courses, GRE completed with minimal scores as defined above.			<b>Accelerated OTD Program: Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience Specialization with OTD standard program and Accelerated OTD Program: B.S. - Kinesiology and Sport Management with OTD standard program.</b> 3+3 PROGRAM OPTION (by application to the program through OTCAS) This program is available, by application, to eligible University of South Dakota students in the Neuroscience, B.S.-Cognitive Neuroscience specialization The following restrictions apply: h) be enrolled in a USD undergraduate program; i) earn 90 undergraduate credits by the end of the junior year; <sup>1</sup> j) meet all major, distribution, general education, and testing requirements in accord with institutional and regental policies, guidelines, and requirements by the end of the junior year; k) have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA by the end of the junior year, and earn the following scores on the GRE: 40 <sup>th</sup> percentile rank Verbal, 45 <sup>th</sup> percentile rank Quantitative and a writing score of 4.0; <sup>2</sup> l) submit to the Occupational Therapy program a statement of interest regarding entry into the 3+3 program option by the beginning of the third semester; m) receive a letter of recommendation from the Neuroscience, BS program director attesting not only to the student's intellectual strengths, but also to the student's maturity, work ethic, and overall readiness for graduate school (in addition to the letters required from an occupational therapist or other health or social service provider and an employer as part of the standard OT admissions process); n) complete the standard application for admission to the OT Program through OTCAS. This may be completed as early as the sophomore year of the undergraduate curriculum if the following requirements are met and maintained: overall GPA of 3.5, science GPA of 3.2, No Cs in pre-requisite courses, GRE completed with minimal scores as defined above.	
<sup>2</sup> If a 3+3 program applicant moderately deviates from these requirements, and demonstrates evidence of extraordinary character, leadership, and maturity, the Occupational therapy program reserves the right to make an exception and grant admission in that case.				<sup>2</sup> If a 3+3 program applicant moderately deviates from these requirements, and demonstrates evidence of extraordinary character, leadership, and maturity, the Occupational therapy program reserves the right to make an exception and grant admission in that case.

*Existing Curriculum*

**Post Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy, O.T.D.**

*Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)*

*No changes*

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OCTH	722	Evaluating Theories and Models of Practice in Occupational Therapy	2
OCTH	733	Promotion of Health & Prevention of Disability	3
OCTH	760	Leadership in Healthcare (2-3 cr)	2
OCTH	770	The Health Professional as Academic & Clinical Educator	2
OCTH	782	Advanced Research Methods	2
OCTH	783	Applying Evidence-Based Practice in OT	1
OCTH	800	Capstone Proposal	1
OCTH	801	Capstone Experience (4-8 cr) (Students enroll twice, each for 4 cr)	8
OCTH	802	Capstone Project (1-2 cr)	2
<b>Electives (Program Director approved) Options Included but are not limited to:</b>			<b>6</b>
OCTH	759	Trauma-Informed Care: Pediatrics	3
OCTH	761	Prof Dev. & Field Experiences 3	1-3
OCTH	791	Special Project ( C )	1-3
OCTH	792	Special Topics	3
<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			<b>31</b>

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## **7. Explanation of the Change:**

The University of South Dakota is proposing 4 new Specializations. Specializations are offered in the areas of Pediatrics, Neuroscience and Rehabilitation, Mental Health, and Rural/Underserved practice. Development of focus areas or Specializations allows the USD Occupational Therapy program to distinguish itself from regional competitors and to provide students with the opportunity to develop additional knowledge and performance skills within an identified area of practice. The specializations are optional. Students who choose not to complete a specialization will adhere to the original core curriculum coursework of 114 credits.