

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – O.T.D. (POSTPROFESSIONAL)

## Program director

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The Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree curriculum provides occupational therapists with an opportunity to further their educations through its flexible online format. The online community fosters learning and professional growth through creative learning experiences, critical reflections, and discussions.

Coursework includes emphasis on spirituality, diversity, critical reasoning, advocacy, participation, education, and research. The capstone project is individually designed by the students, allowing them to creatively explore new areas of practice, and to engage in innovative research and programming.

The intensive track is designed for students who want to complete the postprofessional program as full-time students rather than as a part-time sequence, completing the program in six—as opposed to nine—quarters.

## Program learning outcomes

By the end of this program, the graduate should be able to:

1. Interact with and serve the community by promoting health and the integration of mind, body, and spirit.
2. Contribute to the profession's body of knowledge through written dissemination of research and oral presentations.
3. Advocate for the profession, client, and those in need through participation in community and professional organizations.
4. Commit to lifelong learning through disciplined advancement of knowledge and participation in professional activities.

## Admissions

If you live in a state that has regulatory requirements for online education, please check if Loma Linda University is able to accept residents of your state for online education. You may check for LLU State Authorization (<https://home.llu.edu/llu-state-authorization/>) online or contact the Admissions office for School of Allied Health Professions, 800/422-4558.

Admission is based on a selective process. In addition to Loma Linda University (<http://llucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/admission-policies-information/#admissionrequirementstext>) and School of Allied Health Professions (<http://llucatalog.llu.edu/allied-health-professions/#generalregulationstext>) admissions requirements, the applicant must also complete the following requirements:

- Must have earned a master in occupational therapy degree or another related field. Applicants may have a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy and a master's degree in occupational therapy or another related field, or they may have a bachelor's degree in a related field and a master's degree in occupational therapy.
- Minimum graduate G.P.A. of 3.0.
- Six months of professional practice.
- Applicants from the United States must be certified by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

- Applicants from other countries must submit verification of licensure and certification in occupational therapy.

The applicant's recommendations, interview, personal statement, and work experience are also considered in the admissions screening process.

## Program requirements

### Major

OCTH 600	Occupational Science and Health Promotion	3
OCTH 601	Spirit of Diverse Abilities I	3
OCTH 602	Spirit of Diverse Abilities II	3
OCTH 604	Health, Society, and Participation <sup>1</sup>	3
OCTH 605	Education for Health Professionals	3
OCTH 606	Leadership for Health Professionals	3

### Cognates

AHRM 605	Critical Analysis of Scientific Literature	3
OCTH 632	Capstone I: Introduction to Theory & Research	4
OCTH 633	Capstone Proposal: IRB or Program Development	4
OCTH 634	Capstone II	3
OCTH 635	Capstone III	4
OCTH 636	Capstone IV	4
OCTH 637	Professional Publication and Dissemination	4
RELE 5__	Religion elective (Ethics)	3
RELR 5__	Religion elective (Relational)	3
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**Total Units** **53**

<sup>1</sup> Fulfills service learning requirement

## Normal time to complete the program

2.67 years (nine [9] academic quarters) – based on less than full-time enrollment