

# San Jose State University

Oldest public university in California: established 1857

One of 23 California State University campuses

Current enrollment is about 34,000

SJSU offers 141 Baccalaureate degrees, 99 Master's degrees, and 3
 Doctoral degrees

OT program established 1943; MSOT program established in 1960, OTD program inaugural class Spring 2023

College of Health and Human Sciences

\* Thousands of alums throughout US and the world



# Inaugural Class 2023

San Jose State University is the first public university in California to offer the entry level OTD!!!





# Central Classroom Building

## The Occupational Therapy Department









## SJSU OT Faculty

- 10 tenured/tenure track faculty
- 10 part time faculty / practitioners
- 7 highly esteemed emeritus faculty
- 10 faculty have PhDs in clinical psychology, education, human science, occupational science, and health science
- 6 Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association Specialized practice certifications
- One Fulbright scholar
- Numerous books, chapters, articles and presentations, editorial boards, research grants



# Occupational Therapy

Two points of entry into the profession:

Master's degree

Doctorate degree

#### Degree Programs:

Entry level Master's degree

Entry level Doctorate (OTD) degree

Post-professional OTD degree



# SJSU Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) Program

3 year full-time (9 semester) year-round program

- Includes an International Experience
- 2 fieldwork placements (12 weeks each 40 hours/wk)
- Doctoral Capstone Experience (14 weeks)
- Doctoral Capstone Project (112 units)

Eligible to sit for national registration examination (www.NBCOT.org)

SJSU OT programs have a high pass rate on registration exam



### Cost

Tuition: \$8598 (plus fees) per term (semester) for nine terms over the course of three years

Fees: Determined by the University

Scholarships are available to students based on financial need (www.sjsu.edu/bursar/)



## The Curriculum

#### **Curriculum Core**

Participation in meaningful occupation to promote health, well-being, and social inclusion across the lifespan

#### Mission

The Occupational Therapy Department at San Jose State University is dedicated to preparing culturally diverse occupational therapy leaders who promote health and participation in life for individuals, organizations, and populations through engagement in occupation.



## Curriculum Clusters

Occupation-The Core of the Profession
Foundations for Occupational Therapy Practice
Professional Development
Practice in the Community
Research and Knowledge Development

Practice of Occupational Therapy.



# Curriculum Design

Classes are small in order to foster an active learning environment that will encourage students to develop strong clinical reasoning and creative problem solving capabilities. Students refine skills in selecting, evaluating, and applying information in order to engage in evidence-based practice. Throughout the program, opportunities to interact with therapists and clients in clinical and community settings enable students to apply theoretical knowledge to practice.



#### Degree Roadmap – Year 1

#### YEAR 1

Spring 2023 (Total units: 15)

> OCTH 211: Foundations of Occupational Therapy (3 units)

OCTH 212: Occupation Across the Lifespan (3 units)

OCTH 245: Introduction to Research Methodology in Occupational Therapy (3 units)

OCTH 221: Occupational Analysis (3 units)

OCTH 222: Kinesiology (3 units)

**Summer 2023** (10 weeks) **Total Units: 10** OCTH 206: Clinical Practice Skills for Occupational Therapy (3 units) OCTH 505: OTD Exploration I (1 unit) OCTH 516: Evaluations and Assessments in Occupational Therapy (3 units) OCTH 276: Practicum and Seminar I (3 units)

Fall 2023 (Total Units: 16)

> OCTH 555: Qualitative Research Methods in Occupational Therapy (3 units)

OCTH 524: Occupational Therapy Practice in the Community (2 units)

OCTH 526: Occupational Therapy with Children (3 units)

OCTH 536: Occupational Therapy with Youth (3 units)

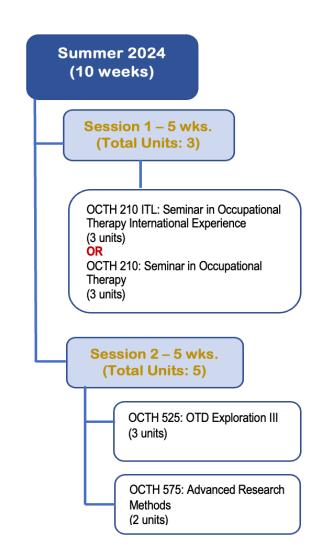
OCTH 515: OTD Exploration II (2 units)

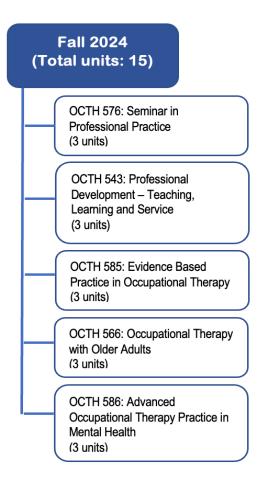
OCTH 533: Professional Development: Leadership in Occupational Therapy (3 units)

#### Degree Roadmap – Year 2

#### YEAR 2

#### Spring 2024 (Total units: 16) OCTH 546: Occupational Therapy with Young Adults (3 units) OCTH 556: Occupational Therapy with Middle Aged Adults (3 units) OCTH 565: Quantitative Research Methods in Occupational Therapy (3 units) OCTH 534: Community and Population Health (3 units) OCTH 286: Practicum and Seminar 1B (4 units)





#### Degree Roadmap – Year 2

#### YEAR 3

Spring 2025
(Total units: 12)

OCTH 201 A: Fieldwork
Experience
(6 units)

OCTH 201 B: Advanced
Fieldwork Experience
(6 units)

Summer 2025
(5 weeks)
Total units: 6

OCTH 553: Professional
Development: Management in
Occupational Therapy
(3 units)

OCTH 591 A: OTD Capstone
Experience I
(3 units)

Fall 2025
(Total units: 14)

OCTH 591 B: OTD Capstone
Experience II
(11 units)

OCTH 595: Doctoral Capstone
Project
(3 units)



### Admission Criteria

- GPA of 3.0 or better in last 60 semester or last 90 quarter units.
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a B or better prior to entry into the program.
- 80 hours volunteer experience verified by "Evaluation of Volunteer Experience" form.
  - 60 hours under the direct supervision of an OT/L and 20 hours in a community agency.



## Admission Criteria (continued)

• GRE

The following are preferred, but not required:

GRE Verbal score of 153 and an Analytic Writing score of

4.0 on the GRE is highly recommended

GRE scores, GPA for prerequisite courses and for the last 60 units of coursework, will be considered in applicant ranking

OTCAS application & Personal Statement



## Admission Criteria (continued)

Submission of three letters of recommendation attesting to academic ability, work performance record and personal attributes necessary for graduate study. <a href="#">1 Letter must be from an academic source</a> (professor)

\*Remember: Letters of recommendation cannot be from someone who has completed the volunteer form



## Admission Criteria Checklist

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in last 60 semester or last 90 quarter units of coursework
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a B or better prior to entry in to the program
- 80 hours volunteer experience
- GRE Personal statement
- OTCAS application & Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation (OTCAS)
- GAPE application



# Minimum requirement for Application

## Submission

- Must complete at least 4 out of 8 of prerequisite courses with a B grade or better
- At least half of the volunteer hours must be completed at the time of application. Volunteer experience evaluation forms must be submitted.
   The person who completes the volunteer form cannot also submit a letter of recommendation
- Complete the GRE and submit scores
- Personal statement

All prerequisites and volunteer hours must be completed before the start of classes in the Spring.

# Prerequisite Courses

- Human Anatomy with human cadaver lab\*
- Physiology with lab
- Neuroanatomy—Bio 109 @ SJSU is offered on campus Spring semester and online during the Summer (OCTH 190)
- General (Intro) Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology (Adult Psychopathology)
- Sociology OR Cultural Anthropology (General course)
- Statistics\*
- Skills Course

\* Must have been taken in last 7 years



## Prerequisite Courses

Please contact us if you wish to find out if a particular course you took meets the criteria for our prerequisites.

\*\*Include the course syllabus or description from the catalog



## Admission Information

Applications are accepted once per year beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1st

Students are conditionally accepted on a rolling admission basis



## **Application Process**

**OTCAS** 

OT Department

CalState Apply/GAPE

https://www2.calstate.edu/apply

You must complete the required paperwork for each of these



# OTCAS-Occupational Therapy Common Application System

The following documents are submitted through OTCAS

Application/Personal Statement

Official Transcripts

Letters of Recommendation



# Occupational Therapy Department-SJSU

The following are submitted directly to the OT Department

- A copy of your application demographic page & personal statement from OTCAS
- Sealed Volunteer Evaluation forms with waivers
- Unofficial GRE scores



# CSU Mentor/GAPE (Graduate Studies Admissions & Program Evaluations)

The following are submitted via Cal State Apply (https://www2.calstate.edu/apply) Opens August 1<sup>st</sup>

Application to the University

Official Transcripts

Official GRE (4687)

This is a separate process from your application to the program and to the University (GAPE)



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