

Post-Professional Doctorate of Occupational Therapy

The **online post-professional clinical doctorate of occupational therapy (PP-OTD) degree (<https://www.ot.wustl.edu/education/online-pp-otd-141/>)** is for experienced occupational therapists who want to impact the profession through innovative leadership and education. The PP-OTD advances the learner's knowledge and skills to meet their career goals in their current practice, in emerging practice and leadership areas, and in higher education. Students must be licensed to practice occupational therapy in the United States and have completed at least two years of occupational therapy practice.

Our PP-OTD courses are delivered through high-quality synchronous and asynchronous virtual learning. The curriculum focuses on developing skills in leadership, program development and evaluation, teaching, and advocacy. It consists of five semesters of course work (6-7 credits per semester) for a total of 34 credits.

The curriculum includes six core courses (3 credits each) that provide advanced training in communication, evidence-based practice, theory and other areas. Four capstone sequence courses (1 credit each) help guide students through the creation, implementation and evaluation of a student-driven doctoral project and the compilation of a culminating portfolio. For the remaining credits, students select one of two specialty tracks: Educate or Lead. Within each track, four specialty courses (3 credits each) provide additional education to help students meet future goals.

Students can complete the program in five sequential semesters (including the summer semester) on a part-time basis. The curriculum is designed to allow students to continue to work in their current positions, if they choose to do so. There is no full-time study option for this degree. Tuition is charged per credit unit.

Graduates of the PP-OTD program will be prepared for careers as leaders and educators in a wide variety of traditional and nontraditional settings.