

OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Mont Alto

Career Paths

Allows an opportunity for students who hold an associate degree in occupational therapy or physical therapy, to advance their practice-based skills and knowledge at the bachelor's level and/or as a pathway to graduate studies.

Careers

PTA Graduates: BSOS students interested in graduate work in physical therapy can meet the some of the entry requirements of DPT programs with BSOS electives; however, will need to complete an average of 15 credits of additional coursework.

Kindly note, students who are seeking to complete any graduate program post the BSOS degree should consult with those graduate programs about pre-requisite requirements prior to enrolling in the BSOS program, so the student and BSOS faculty advisor are on the same page of what coursework the student should enroll in while at Penn State University.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE PROGRAM (<https://www.aota.org/career/career-center>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Provides a pathway to graduate studies in occupational therapy, physical therapy, health sciences, management, and/or education. Approximately 90% of students who earn a bachelor's degree in Occupational Science at Penn State choose to pursue graduate work in occupational therapy.

Related graduate studies opportunities are as follows:

- Anthropology
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Leadership
- Health Administration
- Health Policy and Administration
- Higher Education
- Kinesiology
- Learning, Design, and Technology
- Lifelong Learning and Adult Education
- Management and Organizational Leadership
- Organization Development and Change
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Project Management
- Psychology
- Psychology of Leadership
- Public Administration

- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Rural Sociology
- Sociology
- Special Education
- Teaching and Curriculum
- Transdisciplinary Research on Environment and Society
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

LISTING OF ALL GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT PENN STATE (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate-professional-programs/>)

LISTING OF MASTER'S DEGREES AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH PENN STATE WORLD CAMPUS (<https://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/masters-degrees>)

Professional Resources

- Society for the Study of Occupation: USA (<https://sso-usa.net>)
- American Occupational Therapy Association (<https://www.aota.org>)
- International Society of Occupational Science (ASOS) (<https://www.international-society-for-occupational-science.org>)