

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

Program Description

Occupational Science is an interdisciplinary holistic study of how engagement in life and daily occupations define and shape humans' routines, roles, and habits across the lifespan within wide-ranging environments. Occupational science courses provide the foundation of study along with supporting courses in social and behavioral sciences.

The learned outcome of study in occupational science is for the student to have the knowledge and skills to understand how people develop, recover, manage and improve daily living patterns of health and well-being that shape their lives.

Occupational Science prepares occupational therapy assistant (OTA) or physical therapist assistant (PTA) graduates for graduate education at the professional entry-level for occupational therapy. The degree also prepares students for careers in community health and education systems, as well as businesses focused on health and well-being.

Between the junior and senior years, students with good academic standing are eligible to apply for admittance to the Entry-Level Master of Occupational Therapy Program.

You Might Like This Program If...

You are an occupational therapy or physical therapist associate graduate who wants to further explore the science of everyday living. The focus of the major is to engage the student in an active and informed understanding of the therapeutic value of engaging in meaningful occupation. Students will develop occupation-focused critical and justice informed reasoning related to meeting societal needs of individuals, groups, and communities.