



SCU'S COMMITMENT TO TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE EDUCATION: DECIDING BETWEEN OUR OTD PROGRAMS

Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCU) is proud to offer two distinct Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) programs designed to fit a variety of student's learning and lifestyle needs. Our integrative whole-person healthcare model lies at the heart of both programs, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of patient care through a blend of traditional and innovative approaches. In prioritizing producing a diverse thinking next generation of healthcare providers, students are equipped with the skills and knowledge to become trailblazers in patient care and the field of occupational therapy. Our commitment to high-quality healthcare education, guided by our values of excellence, integrity, and inclusivity, ensures that our graduates are well-prepared to meet the evolving needs of their communities.

The online learning component of our OTD programs allows students the flexibility to access educational materials from anywhere with an internet connection while the in-person lab immersion experiences allow the gap to be bridged between theory and real-world application giving students the opportunity to practice and refine their clinical skills under the guidance of our experienced faculty. Both programs are full-time and transition to fieldwork and capstone assignments in the latter portion of the program. Accepted students not near their respective campus will need to make the proper arrangements to attend the in-person sessions.

We encourage you to choose the path that aligns best with your lifestyle and situation. Our focus is to connect passionate individuals from diverse backgrounds across the nation seeking a meaningful career in occupational therapy. Prospective students are **[invited to attend an SCU Virtual Information Session](#)** to learn more about these innovative programs and discover which option best suits their needs. Virtual Information Sessions take place on the last Wednesday of every month. Visit our website for further details on admissions requirements, prerequisites, and program specifics.

WHITTIER, CA

Our “on-campus” OTD program offers a full-time hybrid curriculum, with coursework conducted online and in-person with classes held at our Whittier, California campus. This unique structure allows you to engage in live Zoom classes for the first 12 weeks of Terms 1-4, followed by 3 weeks of in-person instruction. Courses are typically held Monday-Friday, between 9am-5pm PST. No evenings or weekends. This schedule applies to both the online and in person classes. This program is ideal for individuals without a bachelor's degree, provided you have completed 90 undergraduate units from an accredited institution. Additionally, this program features an OTA to OTD bridge option removing the need for OTA's to earn a bachelor's degree.



- No Bachelor's Required
- 7 ½ terms (15 weeks each term) - approx. 2 ½ years
- 80% online with courses held live via zoom in weeks 1-12 of each term (attendance and participation required)
- 20% in-person with courses held at our Whittier Campus in California weeks 13-15 of Terms 1-4
- Terms 5-7 ½ are reserved for fieldwork and capstone requirements. Students will work full-time on-site and can choose to be placed close to home or in a new city with our network of partnerships across the country

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PHOENIX METRO, AZ

Our Phoenix Metro campus pioneers an innovative Online-Hybrid Accelerated Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program, currently the only accelerated OTD program in the state of Arizona. The nature of the Phoenix Metro curriculum means that you should expect a workload that is more challenging than that of typical graduate education, one requiring full attention and dedicated time for study. This program maximizes the benefits of remote learning, providing flexibility and accessibility for a new generation of aspiring occupational therapy practitioners. A 10 minute drive from the airport makes SCU's innovative healthcare education model not just accessible to students in Phoenix, but across the entire country. Tailored for students with a bachelor's degree, this program offers the opportunity to earn your OTD in 2 years combining the convenience of online asynchronous and synchronous coursework with immersive on-campus labs. Students travel to Phoenix twice per term during year 1 at the beginning and end of the term for 6 and 11 days respectively, enriching their learning experience with hands-on training.



- Bachelor's Required
- 6 terms (15 weeks each term) - approx. 2 years
- 70% online Terms 1-3 with asynchronous and synchronous coursework
- 30% in-person Terms 1-3 with students traveling to our Phoenix Metro Campus twice per term in the first year. 6 days to open the term and 11 days to conclude the term
- Terms 4-6 are reserved for fieldwork and capstone requirements. Students will work full-time on-site and can choose to be placed close to home or in a new city with our network of partnerships across the country

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