2015-2016 Elective Instructions
(Fall Semester)

- **Specialty Practice Courses/Special Topics Course (OT 599s).** These elective courses enable graduate students to broaden and deepen their knowledge and expertise in contemporary practice areas. They may be taken for 2-4 units depending on the semester.

- **OT 500 Clinical Experiences** include participation in various clinical/health settings in the community. May be taken for 2 to 4 units.

- **OT 590 Directed Research Experiences** include participation in research projects with USC community partners. May be taken for 2 to 6 units.

- **OT 500/OT 590 Independent Study** enables students to research a topic or participate in a clinical experience of their choice, supervised by a USC faculty member. May be taken for 2 to 6 units.

- **Other Options.** You may take 4 units outside the OT division at the 500 hundred level or higher.

**PROGRAM ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS:**
- 12 units of electives are required for graduation
- At least 8 units must be OT electives, but all 12 units may be OT electives
- 4 units may be taken outside the department if they are at the 500 level or higher.
- You may take all 12 units in Spring Semester 2016
- You may take 2 units this Fall Semester 2015, if you wish. This is not a requirement.

**WEB ACCESS TO ELECTIVE INFORMATION:**
- To access the electives information and request form go to the Division home page (http://ot.usc.edu/), under the Academics tab click on Current Students then go to Electives.

**HOW DO I REGISTER FOR MY FALL 2014 ELECTIVES?**
- Select 2 units of your choice. Complete the Request Form (attached)
- Return the form to **Maddy Zamany** in the OT Office, or via email at zamany@chan.usc.edu, or by fax to (323) 442-1540 by 4:00 PM on Monday, April 20. Students will be cleared to register for Electives by the official registration start time (Check your Stars Report).
- If a course requires an interview, the instructor will contact the student via email or phone to make an appointment.

**WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?**
- If you have question concerning registering for electives contact **Maddy Zamany** at zamany@chan.usc.edu.
- If need advisement on which courses to take, contact **Michael Ang** at michaela@chan.usc.edu.

**NOTE:** In all correspondence regarding registration please include your 10 digit student ID number (without dashes: 1234567890).