USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Professional Program Course Sequence

Summer 1  Fall 1  Spring 1  Summer 2  Fall 2  Spring 2  Summer 3  As Needed

Foundations
- Occupation
- Creativity
- Kinesiology
- Neuroscience

Thread Courses
- Neuroscience of Behavior
- Therapeutic Use of Self
- Communication Skills for Effective Practice
- Clinical Reasoning
- Quantitative Research for Evidence-Based Practice
- Qualitative Research for Evidence-Based Practice

Practice Immersions
(3 cohorts simultaneously rotate through each Immersion non-sequentially)

Academic Fieldwork

Leadership Development

Specialty Electives

Co-Curricular Activities
- Student organization leadership, community service, professional development, teaching assistantship, etc.

Level II Fieldwork

Leadership Capstone
- Advanced Seminar in Occupational Science
- School-Based Practice
- Sensory Integration Theory
- Assistive Technology
- Ergonomics
- Hand Rehabilitation
- Enhancing Motor Control
- Dysphagia Across Lifespan
- Universal Design
- Lifestyle Redesign
- Independent Study
- Directed Research

Summer 1
- Pediatrics
  - One Full Week Per Immersion
  - and One Full Week Per Immersion
  - Level I Fieldwork Integrated One Day Per Week

Fall 1
- Mental Health
  - Clinical Reasoning
  - Qualitative Research for Evidence-Based Practice
  - One Full Week Per Immersion
  - Level I Fieldwork Integrated One Day Per Week

Spring 1
- Neuroscience of Behavior
  - Communication Skills for Effective Practice
  - One Full Week Per Immersion
  - Level I Fieldwork Integrated One Day Per Week

Summer 2
- Level II Fieldwork
- Health Promotion and Wellness
- Current Issues in Practice: Adulthood and Aging
- Occupation-Centered Programs for the Community
- Adult Physical Rehabilitation and Disability
- One Full Week Per Immersion
- Level I Fieldwork Integrated One Day Per Week

Fall 2
- Leadership Capstone
- As Needed

Spring 2
- Leadership Capstone
- As Needed

Summer 3
- Leadership Capstone
- As Needed

As Needed
- Thesis (Optional)

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