

SPRING 2017 ELECTIVE INSTRUCTIONS

PROGRAM ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS:

- **12 units** of electives are required for graduation.
- **4** units may be taken outside the Division if they are at the **500 level** or above.

PROGRAM ELECTIVE OPTIONS:

- **OT 5xx Specialty Practice Courses** enable graduate students to broaden and deepen their knowledge and expertise in contemporary practice areas. Please note that any **Special Topics Courses (OT 599s)** must be taken for a **letter grade**.
- **OT 500 Clinical Experiences** include participation in various clinical/health settings in the community. May be taken for 2 to 4 units. Please note that you may not register for an OT 500A twice. If you've previously registered for an OT 500A course, you must request to register for an OT 500B. Please note that OT 500s must be taken as **credit/no credit**.
- **OT 590 Directed Research Experiences** include participation in research projects with USC community partners. May be taken for 2 to 6 units. Interviews are often required. OT 590 must be taken as **credit/no credit only**.
- **OT 500/OT 590 Independent Studies** enable students to research a topic or participate in a clinical experience, supervised by a USC faculty member. May be taken for 2 to 6 units. Must receive advisement from Electives Coordinator, Dr. Deborah Pitts, and complete an **Independent Study Application Form** before registering.
- **Other Options:** You may take 4 units outside the OT division at the 500 hundred level or above.

WEB ACCESS TO ELECTIVE INFORMATION:

- To access electives information, please go to:
<http://chan.usc.edu/academics/current-students/electives>

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2017 ELECTIVES:

- Select **12** units of your choice. Complete the **Elective Request Form**.
- Return the **Elective Request Form** to **the front desk** in the OT Office (CHP 133), or via email to wittrock@chan.usc.edu, or by fax to (323) 442-1540.
- Forms are due no later than **12:00 PM on Monday, October 24**.
- We will compile all student requests and you will then receive a detailed email with registration instructions.
- If a course requires an interview, the instructor will contact the student via email or phone to make an appointment.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

- If you have questions concerning registering for electives or core courses, please contact:
Peter Wittrock at (323) 442-1861, or wittrock@chan.usc.edu
- If you would like advisement on which courses to take, please contact:
Deborah Pitts at pittsd@chan.usc.edu

Please always include your Student ID Number * without dashes * in emails!