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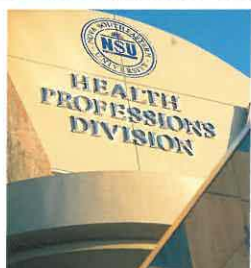
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Bachelor of Health Science Online Pre-Master of Occupational Therapy Track for Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants

COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



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EARN A CLINICALLY RELEVANT DEGREE WHILE PREPARING TO ENTER NSU'S MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

This educational opportunity allows Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs) to earn a Bachelor of Health Science (B.H.Sc.) degree and, upon completion of the Pre-Master of Occupational Therapy (Pre-M.O.T.) track, be guaranteed admission to the M.O.T. program at NSU's main campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

What is special about this B.H.Sc. program?

- The online B.H.Sc. program is interdisciplinary.
- It is designed to enable health care practitioners to advance in their careers.
- A seat is reserved in the M.O.T. program if admissions criteria and qualifications are met.

What does this B.H.Sc. program offer?

- a well-rounded generalist curriculum
- the opportunity to work at your own pace around your work schedule
- all online coursework, requiring no on-campus time
- clinically relevant content that enhances your current practice

B.H.Sc. courses are 12 weeks long and follow a four-semester system (summer, fall, winter, and spring). Students have the flexibility to take one course or several courses each semester, depending on course availability.

For more information on the B.H.Sc. program, visit www.nova.edu/bhs or call Chris Mitchell, director of the B.H.Sc. program, at (954) 288-9695 or 800-356-0026, ext. 21239.

B.H.SC. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

COURSE	SEMESTER HOURS
Required General Education Courses	30
Written Communication above 1000 level	3
Mathematics above 1000 level	3
Humanities	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences	9
Natural and Physical Sciences	9



COURSE	SEMESTER HOURS
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Pre-M.O.T. Track Courses*

Biology with lab	4
Anatomy and physiology	3
Physics with lab or kinesiology	3

Required B.H.Sc. Courses 30

BHS 3110 Health Care Ethics	3
BHS 3120 Introduction to Epidemiology	3
BHS 3150 Principles of Leadership	3
BHS 3155 Conflict Resolution in Health Care	3
BHS 3160 Health Policy	3
BHS 4000 Cultural Competency in Health Care	3
BHS 4100 Academic and Professional Writing	3
BHS 4031 Statistics for Health Sciences	3

B.H.Sc. Electives 6

(A minimum of 6 semester hours of courses with BHS prefixes—other than the courses listed above—are required.)

Open/Transfer Electives 60

These can include any combination of additional BHS prefixed elective courses, and/or transfer courses of any prefix with a course level of 1000 or above, resulting in a total of 60 semester hours.

A minimum of 30 B.H.Sc. semester hours is required for the degree.

*These courses can also be used to fulfill general education natural and physical sciences requirements.

Course requirements are subject to change.

REQUIRED COURSES

BHS 4100—Academic and Professional Writing

This course, which must be taken in the first semester, will strengthen the skills and thought processes students require for successful academic and professional writing. Proper sentence and paragraph structure, grammar, punctuation usage, formatting, and bibliographic referencing will be discussed. Students will learn the five-chapter model utilized in scholarly writing and be introduced to the fundamentals of APA formatting.

BHS 3110—Health Care Ethics

This course is designed to introduce ethical thinking and concepts regarding health care to prepare the student with the essential vocabulary and thought processes necessary to understand, evaluate, and participate in ethical decision making.

BHS 3120—Introduction to Epidemiology

This course will introduce the history and development of epidemiology in relation to public health and disease. Communicable, epidemic, endemic, and social diseases will be discussed.

BHS 3150—Principles of Leadership

This course will provide an overview of numerous leadership theories to prepare the student for a leadership role in health care. The course will critically analyze the differences between leadership and management.

BHS 4000—Cultural Competency in Health Care

The purpose of this course is to develop competency and better understanding when confronted with issues related to culture; diversity; and ethnically based customs, rituals, alternative health care choices, folk medicine, cultural structure, and viewpoints and how they affect the practitioner's delivery of health care.

BHS 3160—Health Policy

This course provides the student with a broad understanding of policy, how health care is organized and dispensed, and how the practitioner can better work in the system. Topics of discussion include control, long-term care, quality control, ethical issues, and insurance.

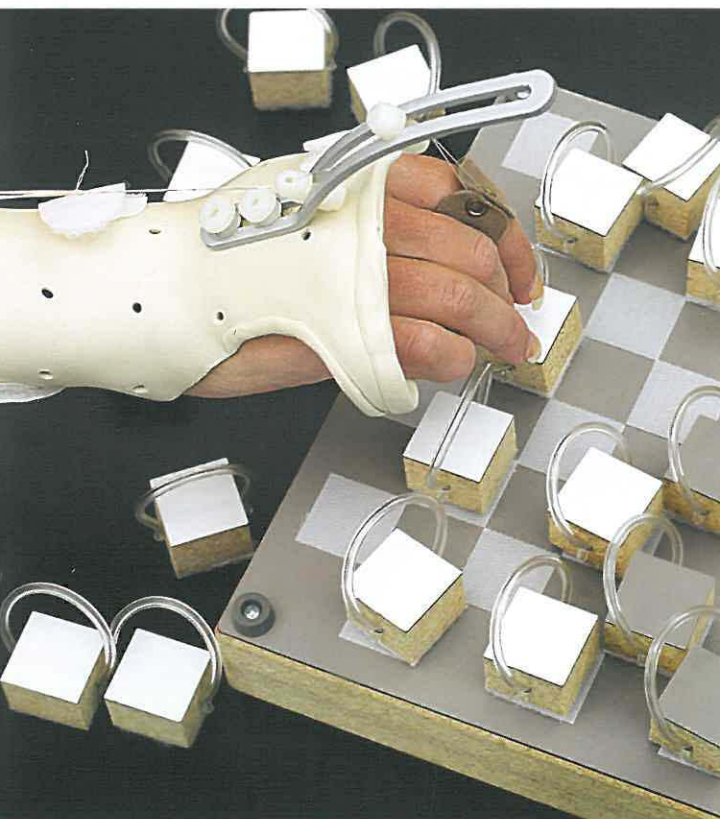
BHS 3155—Conflict Resolution in Health Care

Students will develop an understanding of conflict and effective methods and strategies for reducing the incidence of workplace conflict. These include employee-employee conflict, supervisor-subordinate conflict, patient-patient conflict, and patient/client-provider conflict.

BHS 4031—Statistics for Health Sciences

This course is designed to introduce the conceptual foundation of statistical analysis and statistical reasoning of health sciences data and prepare the student to calculate, interpret, and utilize appropriate software packages for basic statistical analysis.

Visit www.nova.edu/chcs/healthsciences/bhs/ for more information on BHS elective courses.



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

B.H.SC. REQUIREMENTS

Prior to matriculation, all applicants must have

- 3 semester hours (or the equivalent) of college-level written composition from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum grade of *C* (GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale)
- an associate's degree in occupational therapy from an Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®)-accredited program at a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale and initial certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®) as a Certified OT Assistant (COTA)
- documented evidence demonstrating education or experience in the health care field within the past five years

M.O.T. REQUIREMENTS FOR COTA APPLICANTS

Prior to matriculation, all applicants must have

- earned an average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale in B.H.Sc. courses
- earned a grade of 2.0 or better in all prerequisite courses
- submitted three letters of recommendation
- received approval of associate's degree transcript
- completed a personal interview
- submitted Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores that are less than five years old for all three areas of the general test (quantitative, verbal, and analytical writing)

Preference will be given to applicants with a minimum combined GRE general score of 800 on the verbal and quantitative tests and a 3.5 on the analytical test, or the equivalent scores on the new GRE.

Upon successful completion of the B.H.Sc. degree and the above requirements, students will be offered a seat in the NSU M.O.T. program.

For more information about admissions requirements for the M.O.T. program, visit www.nova.edu/ot, email hpdadmissionsinfo@nova.edu, or call 800-356-0026, ext. 21101.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply online

- go to <http://nova.askadmissions.net/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=undergrad>
- follow directions to complete interest page
- in Program of Study field, select Health Science (Completion Program)
- create username and password to access VIP/Application page
- submit information
- **log into VIP page to continue application process**
- complete and submit application by January 15



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to graduate with the B.H.Sc. degree, students must have completed a minimum total of 120 semester hours. These semester hours include a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework (including 24 semester hours of specific required coursework) that must be completed through the NSU B.H.Sc. program, 30 semester hours of general education coursework, and a minimum of 60 open/transfer elective semester hours.

Academic advisement is available upon request.

Visit www.nova.edu/chcs/healthsciences/bhs/ for more information on B.H.Sc. graduation requirements.



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- tuition posted on www.nova.edu/chcs/healthsciences/bhs/
- \$50 application fee
- \$900 student services fee required annually

ACCREDITATION

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. 02-148-12MCP





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