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**All students listed are considered candidates
for graduation pending completion
of all academic requirements.**



Charles H. Christiansen, Ed.D., O.T.R., F.A.O.T.A.

Over the course of a distinguished career, Charles Christiansen has succeeded in attaining the ideal characteristics of an occupational therapist through his vital contributions to occupational therapy education, research, and clinical practice as well as his extensive community involvement.

As the Dean and George T. Bryan Distinguished Professor in the School of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Dr. Christiansen continues to utilize his expertise and compassion on a daily basis in the service of his profession, students and patients.

Dr. Christiansen is the founding editor of the Occupational Therapy Journal of Research and a senior editor and contributor to three major occupational therapy textbooks. His scholarly work in functional assessment, social models of interaction and adaptation, and organizational development and teamwork have made him an invaluable asset to numerous universities and clinics during his career, and his unique combination of scholarly and clinical expertise make him highly sought after as a consultant throughout the world. From 1988 to 1991, he assisted the government of Kuwait in the development of educational programs and rehabilitation services for its university and health care system, and he is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Moody Independent School District.

In 1998, Dr. Christiansen was awarded occupational therapy's highest academic honor, the Eleanor Clark Slagle Lectureship. Recognized throughout the profession for his scholarly and clinical achievements, Dr. Christiansen was named Occupational Therapist of the Year by the Texas Occupational Therapy Association in 1984 and was recently selected to receive the Meritorious Achievement Award of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a longstanding tradition which originated in medieval universities in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Attired in cap, hood and gown, the faculty would present itself and its students to the local community for inspection.

The gown was originally thought to be worn for warmth, and to denote authority and privilege. Today, black is the color of the gown for all degrees, although variations represent the difference in the level of the degree.

The medieval hood was worn as a protection from the elements, or used as a satchel to carry scrolls and books. The modern hood worn today is lined with satin in the colors of the institution conferring the degree (Nova Southeastern University colors are blue and gray). In addition, the hood is trimmed with various colors of velvet facing, each color representing the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted. Slate blue color has been designated to represent the occupational therapy degree.

The academic cap, at one time worn by freed Roman slaves, signifies the wearer's right to academic freedom and attests to the dignity endowed upon the wearer as well as the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

