

Department of Occupational Therapy

Goals

The Department was founded in accordance to the need of the society due to the trend toward the aging society in Taiwan and the promotion of welfare for the disabled people. The mission of this Department is to cultivate outstanding and professional occupational therapists in the clinical practice, and to promote the professional competence through comprehensive and specialized learning of occupational therapy, basic medicine, and healthcare related knowledge and skills.



History

As the pioneer of the private universities to establish OT programs in Taiwan, this Department of Occupational Therapy was founded in 1994 based on the belief of meeting society's needs, including the transformation of the social structure, the increasing demand for the medical treatment of chronic diseases in the aging society, the increasing expectations of fellow citizens on the healthcare quality, and the need of the society for qualified people in clinical practice and the academic research related to occupational therapy and physical medicine and rehabilitation. The Master of Science program was established in 2002.

Current Features

There are currently a total of 11 full-time faculty members contributed to the teaching and research of OT related specialty, such as OT for physical disabilities, OT for pediatric clients, OT for psychiatric clients, community-based OT, aging, and neuroimaging. This Department also owns up-to-date teaching and research facilities. The present teaching space is approximately over 700 ping. The facilities include the one way mirror room, the children evaluation and treatment practice room, the behavior evaluation and treatment room, the perception disorder room, the occupational therapy practice room, the group

therapy practice room, and several discussion rooms. The teaching and research facilities have been continually expanded and improved for educating excellent students and occupational therapists.

Moreover, the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital Branches (Taipei, Linkou, Keelung, and Kaohsiung), the Nursing Home, and the Health & Culture Village are integrated to provide clinical cases in different stages. Meanwhile, the Department actively interchanges with external teaching hospitals (about 20 sites), such as the Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan General Hospital, Song-de Branch of the Taipei City Hospital, Jianan Psychiatric Center, and Bali Psychiatric Center as the clinical practice units. The clinical clerkship or practice courses are arranged in the gradual manner for each college year. The senior students all have one full year to practice in the 3 of 4 major areas: OT practice in adults, children, psychiatric care, and community-based practice. The multi-level, multi-dimension, in-depth, and abundant experiences in the clinical practice of the specialized fields are provided. In addition, various regularly and irregularly scheduled student activities including the new student workshops, teacher-student meetings, career symposiums, employment symposiums, and practice discussion meetings are held to strengthen the guidance for the students.

Future Prospects

The teaching philosophy of the Department believes that the cultivation of outstanding OT professional personnel is the most important objective. After being nurtured in the Department, one can become competent in OT clinical practice and able to assist the promotion of OT professional standards. The Department integrates the knowledge and technology of medical engineering and brain imaging, and the research methodology of behavioral science for the OT development towards science and technology. This Department also contributes to the practice and research of aging issues, such as cognitive training, imaging of aging studies, and health promotion in the community.

Our development plans are:

-  Continues to recruit professional faculty members in OT to accelerate the progress of the research.
-  Continually expands the teaching and research facilities.
-  Strengthens the coordination between OT theory and practice of the students.
-  Increases the opportunities of international academic and student interchange.
-  Holds national and international academic and professional conferences and symposiums.
-  Regularly meets and communicates with professionals in other universities and clinical sites to work with OT education and development.
-  Supports cross-disciplinary research projects to promote OT academic development.

Program Highlights

Program Overview

The major objective of the courses provided in this Department is to develop the professional capabilities of the students as occupational therapists, and to enrich the background knowledge of OT and other related fields such as neurological sciences, biomechanics, and rehabilitation medicine.

Major Categories of Program

- 📍 Background Knowledge of Occupational Therapy:
 - 👉 OT for Developmental Disabilities
 - 👉 OT for Physical Dysfunction
 - 👉 OT for Psychiatric Conditions
 - 👉 OT for Orthopedic Condition and Splinting
 - 👉 Motor Control and Neurorehabilitation
 - 👉 Psychosocial Foundation of Occupational Therapy
 - 👉 OT in the community
 - 👉 Activities of Daily Living Practice
 - 👉 Therapeutic Activities in OT
 - 👉 Child Development and Sensory Integration
 - 👉 Clinical Observation and Practice in OT
- 📍 Background Knowledge of Neurological Sciences:
 - 👉 Brain and Behavior
 - 👉 Neuroanatomy
 - 👉 Neurology
- 📍 Background Knowledge of Biomechanics and Technology:
 - 👉 Assistive Technology Practice
 - 👉 Introduction to Biomechanics
 - 👉 Kinesiology and Biomechanics for OT
- 📍 Background Knowledge of Rehabilitation Medicine and Psychological Medicine:
 - 👉 Rehabilitation Medicine
 - 👉 Pediatrics
 - 👉 Medical Psychology