Doctoral Capstone Overview

The postprofessional doctorate degree is designed for occupational therapists who seek more advanced knowledge after they have already achieved a degree in occupational therapy. The postprofessional OTD clinical application opportunities prepare practitioners to specialize in a variety of areas. Pacific University School of Occupational Therapy focuses this advanced education on the following areas: Education, Management and Administration, Interprofessional Global Health and Gerontology. Postprofessional students do not complete a fieldwork as they have already attained an occupational therapy degree and completed the NBCOT examination therefore clinical application is completed as part of a doctoral Capstone project in the specialty area of focus.

The postprofessional student will be guided through the doctoral Capstone with the assistance of a faculty advisor and community advisor. This Capstone may be completed in a minimum of 8 weeks and a maximum of 16 weeks. Procedures for the establishing the Capstone and criteria for completion will be delineated in the Capstone Manual.