

## OTD Academic Progression Policy

The following requirements pertain to the status of satisfactory academic progress apply to students enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Program.

1. A minimum cumulative LSUHSC-S GPA of 3.0 is required for graduation.
2. Any student falling below a cumulative GPA of 3.0 will be placed on scholastic probation.
3. Students on scholastic probation are not eligible for graduation from the program.
4. Academic progression is reviewed at the conclusion of each semester. Students successfully reestablishing a cumulative GPA of 3.0 will be reinstated as a student in good academic standing.
5. The minimum scholastic requirement for course work is a grade of C. However, no more than 12 credit hours of C grades, with a maximum of 3 C's, may be counted toward a degree.
6. Students dismissed from the program may reapply to the program to be considered for competitive readmission.
7. All didactic courses must be taken in sequence. All didactic course work must be successfully completed before the student begins Level II Fieldwork.
8. According to the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®), students must successfully complete 24 weeks of full-time Fieldwork II prior to starting the Doctoral Capstone Experience.
9. If the student does not meet the expectations of a Level II Fieldwork placement, they will earn a grade of "F". Students who receive a failing grade or withdraw from a fieldwork placement (per student, AFWC, or fieldwork educator request) in one Level II Fieldwork experience may be given permission to take the course for a second time. Students failing more than one fieldwork placement will be dismissed from the program. **All fieldwork experiences must be completed within 24 months** of fulfillment of didactic coursework.
10. Students must complete the entire program, including Level II Fieldwork and the Doctoral Capstone within **5 years** of the student's initial admission date.
11. All Level II Fieldwork experiences must take place at two separate sites. This can be either one FW in state and one FW out of state, or both FW's out of state.
12. In order to achieve the status of satisfactory academic progress, the student must meet the following minimum requirements:
  - a) Satisfy the scholastic requirements listed above and in the SAHP general section of the catalog/bulletin.
  - b) Successful completion of the required number of credit hours per semester established by the Program.

Faculty will review students' academic progress at the conclusion of each semester reporting results to the SAHP administration.

Appeals may be made in accordance with policies and procedures established under Student Academic Appeals in the catalog (<https://catalog.lsuhs.edu/content.php?catoid=33&navoid=1549>).