Mission of the Department of Occupational Therapy

The mission of the Department of Occupational Therapy is to educate occupational therapy practitioners to function independently and effectively in multiple settings and systems. The curriculum is grounded in the art and science of the relationship of person, occupation, environment and performance to promote and restore the health and well-being of individuals and populations.

The program is committed to making occupational therapy professional education accessible to groups historically underserved in higher education, including older adults, minorities, women, the differently-abled, the economically disadvantaged, as well as traditional and international students.

Vision of the Department of Occupational Therapy

The Department of Occupational Therapy envisions preparing a diverse group of occupational therapists that will be recognized leaders, researchers, advocates, educators and practitioners who are able to make significant contributions to the common good of the global society by advancing evidenced-based and best practices.

Core Values

The Governors State University, Department of Occupational Therapy core values guiding the department vision, mission and philosophy include:

- A respect for the diversity and uniqueness of the human experience;
- A pursuit of the core values and attitudes of the occupational therapy profession: Altruism, Equality, Freedom, Justice, Dignity, Truth and Prudence; and
- A commitment to reflective, evidence-based, self-monitoring of academic and professional performance.