



College of Health Sciences  
OCC 6004 - Health and Equity  
Disparities  
1 credit unit

Fall 2023 | Quad 1

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### PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

## **MSOT Program Mission**

The mission of the PLNU Occupational Therapy program is to produce competent and professional graduates who provide evidenced-based and occupation focused interventions that serve others as an expression of faith.

## **Course Description**

This course examines the historical development of occupational therapy, including philosophical, social, political, economic, and medical influences on clinical practice. Current practice settings, the role of the occupational therapist, professional standards, OT process, OT models of practice, frames of reference, and OT practice framework are included in this course.

## **Relationship of Course to Curriculum Design**

This course is the first in a two-part series on occupation. It is taken concurrently with the following courses: applied human anatomy, evidence-based practice, health and equity disparities, community-seminar-1, case-based learning seminar-1, and professionalism in OT-1. This course supports the curricular thread of occupations. The foundational knowledge gained in the course prepares students to succeed in all application OT coursework.

## **Program and Course Learning Outcomes**

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

This course contributes to the acquisition of skills and knowledge necessary for achievement of the following program learning outcomes:

**PLO # 1:** Use critical reasoning to provide evidence-based occupational therapy services across the lifespan, in a variety of service delivery models, health care settings, and community-based systems.

**PLO # 3:** Provide services within a client-centered and occupation-based framework, with consideration of contextual factors which influence a persons', groups' and/or populations' ability to engage in meaningful occupational tasks and roles.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

Course learning outcomes used are ACOTE Standards and students will be using concepts and skills that will be introduced and/or be expected to master.

1. Apply, analyze, and evaluate scientific evidence, theories, models of practice, and frames of reference that underlie the practice of occupational therapy to guide and inform interventions for persons, groups, and populations in a variety of practice contexts and environments (B.2.1).
2. Explain the process of theory development and its importance to occupational therapy (B.2.2).
3. Analyze occupational therapy history, philosophical base, theory, and sociopolitical climate and their importance in meeting society's current and future occupational needs as well as how these factors influence and are influenced by practice (B.3.1).
4. Apply, analyze, and evaluate the interaction of occupation and activity, including areas of occupation, performance skills, performance patterns, context(s) and environments, and client factors (B.3.2).

## Required Texts and Recommended Study Resources

- Supplemental readings will be provided in Canvas.
- Jamieson V. Mohamed O. & Geddy I. (2020). [When stars are scattered](#). Dial Books for Young Readers.

## Course Credit Hour Information

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3-unit class delivered over 16 weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirement can be provided upon request.

## Assessment and Grading

### Assessment Methods

Assessment methods include discussion board posts, guided reading worksheets, video creation, shared group summaries of didactic information, written assignments, completion of [AOTA Occupational Profile](#), midterm examination, and a PPT and poster presentation.

### Grading

Grading will be based on the PLNU grading scale below. Grades will be rounded down from .1-.4; and rounded up from .5 to .9.

Letter Grade	GPA	Percent Grade
A	4.00	93-100

A-	3.75	90-92
B+	3.25	87-89
B	3.00	83-86
B-	2.75	80-82

***Below a B- (80%) in any community seminar, Level I or Level II Fieldwork course will result in a failure of this course, a remediation plan, and the need to join the next cohort of students.***

C+	2.25	77-79
C	2.0	73-76
C-	1.75	70-72

***Below a C- (70%) is not a passing grade. Students may or may not be placed on academic probation depending on their cumulative GPA, must repeat the failed course within the next cohort of students, and participate in a remediation plan. Students will not be able to take the next class in this series (applied human neuroanatomy).***

D+	1.25	67-69
D	1.0	63-66
D-	.75	60-62
F	0	0-59

### **Grade Intervention Procedures**

Students scoring below a letter grade of B- (79.5%) in any clinical course (Community-Based Seminar, Level I and Level II Fieldwork) AND any Level II and Level III Clinical Competency will be rated as not showing evidence of necessary competency. Students may or may not be placed on academic probation depending on their cumulative GPA,

must repeat the failed course within the next cohort of students, and participate in a remediation plan\*. Students will not be able to take the next class in this series (ANA 6009, Applied Neuroanatomy) upon achieving a course grade of <C-.

Students who receive a course grade of 69.4 or lower AND/OR whose cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0, will be placed on academic probation and must develop a remediation plan\*. Refer to the MSOT Student Handbook for more information.

\*A remediation plan is a cooperative effort between the student, course instructor, and the faculty advisor to establish specific learning activities and plan to ensure competency and successful progression in the program.

## Course Weighting

Each category below is weighted as a total percentage of the final grade:

Category	Grade %
Weekly Reading Responses	40%
In-Class Work Submissions	30%
Class Participation	20%
Final Group Presentation	10%

## Content Warning

I acknowledge that each of you comes to PLNU with your own unique life experiences. This contributes to the way you perceive various types of information. In Introduction to Occupational Therapy, all the class content, including that which may be intellectually or emotionally challenging, has been intentionally curated to achieve the learning goals for this course. The decision to include such material is not taken lightly. If you encounter a topic that is intellectually challenging for you, it can manifest in feelings of discomfort and upset. In response, I encourage you to come talk to me or your friends or family about it. Class topics are discussed for the sole purpose of expanding your intellectual engagement in understanding the history and theoretical basis of the OT profession, and I will support you throughout your learning in this course.

## TRIGGER WARNING

I acknowledge that each of you comes to PLNU with your own unique life experiences. This contributes to the way you perceive several types of information. In [class name], we will cover a variety of topics, some of which you may find triggering. These topics

include [list topics]. Each time this topic appears in a reading or unit, it is marked on the syllabus. The experience of being triggered versus intellectually challenged are different. The main difference is that an individual must have experienced trauma to experience being triggered, whereas an intellectual challenge has nothing to do with trauma. If you are a trauma survivor and encounter a topic in this class that is triggering for you, you may feel overwhelmed or panicked and find it difficult to concentrate. In response, I encourage you to take the necessary steps for your emotional safety. This may include leaving class while the topic is discussed or talking to a therapist at the Counseling Center. Should you choose to sit out on discussion of a certain topic, know that you are still responsible for the material; but we can discuss if there are other methods for accessing that material, and for assessing your learning on that material. Class topics are discussed for the sole purpose of expanding your intellectual engagement in the area of [subject/major], and I will support you throughout your learning in this course.

## Incompletes and Late Assignments

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by 11:59 PST on the due date. If you feel you are unable to complete your assignment/quiz/test on-time, please use [this](#) form to contact me to request an extension by 24 hours before the due date.

## PLNU Spiritual Care

Balboa Campus:

PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end we provide resources for our graduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. At the Balboa campus we have an onsite chaplain, Rev. Kevin Portillo who is available during class break times across the week. If you have questions, desire to meet with Rev. Portillo or prayer requests you can contact him directly at [KevinPortillo@pointloma.edu](mailto:KevinPortillo@pointloma.edu).

## PLNU Copyright Policy

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

## PLNU Academic Honesty Policy

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Graduate Academic and General Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, iA Writer, Marmot, Botowski) to generate ideas, but you are not allowed to use AI tools to generate content (text, video, audio, images) that will end up in any work submitted to be graded for this course. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor.

## PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center ([EAC@pointloma.edu](mailto:EAC@pointloma.edu) or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

## Language and Belonging

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe and hospitable learning environment for all students. As Christian scholars we are keenly aware of the power of language and believe in treating others with dignity. As such, it is important that our language be equitable, inclusive, and prejudice free. Inclusive/Bias-free language is the standard outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and it is the expected norm in university-level work. Good writing and speaking do not use unsubstantiated or irrelevant generalizations about personal qualities such as age, disability, economic class, ethnicity, marital status, parentage, political or religious beliefs, race, gender, sex, or sexual orientation. Inclusive language also avoids using stereotypes or terminology that demeans persons or groups based on age, disability, class, ethnicity, gender, race, language, or national origin. Respectful use of language is particularly important when referring to those outside of the religious and lifestyle commitments of those in the PLNU community. By working toward precision and clarity of language, we mark ourselves as serious and respectful scholars, and we model the Christ-like quality of hospitality.

You may report an incident(s) using the [Bias Incident Reporting Form](#).

## Sexual Misconduct and Discrimination

In support of a safe learning environment, if you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that accommodations and resources are available through the Title IX Office at [pointloma.edu/Title-IX](http://pointloma.edu/Title-IX). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, faculty and staff are required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at [counselingservices@pointloma.edu](mailto:counselingservices@pointloma.edu) or find a list of campus pastors at [pointloma.edu/title-ix](http://pointloma.edu/title-ix).

## PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements.

If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and plan to complete the required coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor. Acceptance of late work is at the discretion of the instructor and does not waive attendance requirements.

Refer to [Academic Policies](#) for additional detail.

## Synchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

For synchronous courses which have specific scheduled meeting times (including in-person, hybrid, and synchronous online courses), absences are counted from the first official meeting of the class regardless of the date of the student's enrollment. For courses with specific attendance requirements, those requirements are outlined in the course syllabus.

## Use of Technology

In order to be successful in the online or hybrid environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](#) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphone, or webcams compatible with their computer available to use.



Please note that any course with online proctored exams requires a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

## Assignments

For more detailed information about this course’s assignments, refer to Canvas Learning Management System.

## Curricular Threads, ACOTE® Standards, Learning Methods, and Assessment of Student Learning

Course Objectives Based on Curricular Threads: (At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to):	ACOTE Standard *=ACOTE Measurement of Learning	WHAT: Course Learning Outcome	HOW Student Learning Activities	DEMONSTRATE: Assessment of Student Learning
Apply, analyze, and evaluate scientific evidence, theories, models of practice, and frames of reference that underlie the practice of occupational therapy to guide and inform interventions for persons, groups, and populations in a variety of practice contexts and environments. (Curricular thread: occupation)	B.2.1*	Apply, analyze, and evaluate scientific evidence, theories, models of practice, and frames of reference that underlie the practice of occupational therapy to guide and inform interventions for persons, groups, and populations in a variety of practice contexts and environments.	Course readings Faculty led discussion Group discussion Narrated PPT video lectures	Group guided reading worksheet shared drive assignment. PowerPoint presentation Poster presentation
Explain the process of theory development and its importance to occupational therapy.	B. 2.2*	Explain the process of theory development and its importance to	Course readings	PowerPoint presentation

(Curricular thread: occupation).

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Faculty led discussion

Poster presentation

Group discussion

Narrated PPT video lectures

Analyze occupational therapy history, philosophical base, theory, and sociopolitical climate and their importance in meeting society's current and future occupational needs as well as how these factors influence and are influenced by practice.

B.3.1\*

(Curricular thread: occupation).

Analyze occupational therapy history, philosophical base, theory, and sociopolitical climate and their importance in meeting society's current and future occupational needs as well as how these factors influence and are influenced by practice.

Course readings and videos

Guided reading worksheets

Faculty led discussion

Written assignments

Group discussion

Discussion board assignments

Narrated PPT video lectures

Midterm examination

PowerPoint presentation

Poster presentation

Apply, analyze, and evaluate the interaction of occupation and activity, including areas of occupation, performance skills, performance patterns, context(s) and environments, and client factors. (Curricular thread: occupation).

B.3.2\*

Apply, analyze, and evaluate the interaction of occupation and activity, including areas of occupation, performance skills, performance patterns, context(s) and environments, and client factors.

Course readings and videos

Guided reading worksheet

Faculty led discussion

Discussion board assignments

Group discussion

Written assignments

Narrated PPT video lectures

Midterm examination