

## OCC1 548 HOLISTIC APPROACHES IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

**Credits:** 3

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of OCC1 545  
Therapeutic Strategies in OT1  
OCC1 546 Strategies in OT Professional Practice and  
OCC1 550 Enabling Human Occupation

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**Course Instructors:** Sara Saunders, guest lecturers

**Course Structure:** One 3-hour class per week.

**Calendar Course Description:** The theory, principles of treatment, clinical reasoning and therapeutic use of activities in the OT intervention of acute and chronic medical and surgical conditions.

**Expanded Course Description:** The focus of the course will be on the occupational therapy intervention process for various chronic health conditions. The students will be exposed to the observable clinical features and the occupational therapy assessment and treatment process involved in the management of clients with those conditions. All conditions will also be examined from the perspective of health promotion, disease prevention and interprofessional practice. The conditions which will be covered across the lifespan include respiratory problems, oncology, palliative care and end of life issues, adult and paediatric cardiac conditions, obesity, diabetes, and chronic pain.

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, the student will be expected to:

1. Describe the clinical features of the most prevalent chronic health conditions seen in rehabilitation and across the lifespan.
2. Describe the general medical and/or surgical approach to the treatment of these conditions.
3. Analyze the impact of chronic health conditions on the general health and well being of the individual with a chronic condition
4. Describe and analyze the impact of these conditions on occupational performance
5. Define the occupational therapy assessment process for various chronic health conditions.
6. Develop and analyze an assessment plan for various chronic health conditions.
7. Develop a comprehensive and evidence-based treatment program based on the assessment results and chosen theoretical framework
8. Evaluate the effectiveness of assessment and treatment approaches generally used in OT with these client populations
9. Describe the concepts of chronic disease, health promotion, prevention, wellness, determinants of health and interprofessional practice
10. Analyze the application and relevance of these main concepts across the OT process and within all conditions covered

**Instructional Methods:** This course will include readings, reading guides, lectures, interactive lecturing, clinical cases and vignettes and small group work. The instructors will not be explicitly lecturing on the pathophysiology of the various conditions, but may review the topics briefly and ask for student input on those aspects of the conditions. It is the responsibility of the student to acquire this content prior to class through the readings. Students are also expected to find literature in a self-directed manner in order to complement their understanding of the condition, if deemed necessary. The majority of the class will be devoted to the occupational therapy assessment and treatment of those conditions.

**Course Materials:** Each class will have a designated list of readings and class notes. The class notes will be posted on 'My Courses'. There will also be a required course pack that will include the readings assigned for each topic.

**Required Texts:**

1. Course pack for OCC1-548
2. Radomski, V. M. & Trombly Latham, C. (2008). *Occupational Therapy for Physical Dysfunction*, (6<sup>th</sup> edition), Wolters Kluwer

**Recommended Texts:**

1. Townsend, E., & Polatajko, H. (2002). [\*Enabling Occupation: An Occupational Therapy Perspective\*](#). Publication of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
2. Townsend, E., & Polatajko, H. (2007). [\*Enabling Occupation II: Advancing an Occupational Therapy Vision for Health, Well-being & Justice through Occupation\*](#). Publication of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
3. Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition

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**Student Assignment and Evaluation:** To be announced and explained during the first lecture of the course.

**Special Requirements for Course Completion and Program Continuation:** For U3 students, in order to pass the course, a grade of at least C+ (60%) must be obtained as a total course mark. For QY students, in order to pass the course, a grade of at least B- (65%) must be obtained as a total course mark. Please refer to the appropriate sections in both undergraduate and graduate calendars on University regulations regarding final and supplemental examinations. This course falls under the regulations concerning individual and group evaluation. Please refer to the section on marks in the Rules and Regulations for Student Evaluation and Promotion.

**Plagiarism/Academic Integrity:** McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see [www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/](http://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/) for more information.)

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**Right to submit in English or French written work that is to be graded:** In accord with McGill University's Charter of Students' Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

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**Attendance:** Attendance in classes is expected. It is the responsibility of each student to attend classes prepared and to be actively involved. The materials covered in class will be subject to evaluation.

**Consequences of not completing assignments as requested:** Assignments not completed on time will be penalized accordingly. In the event that an assignment cannot be submitted on its due date, students must make arrangements with the instructor before this date.

**Disability:** If you have a disability please contact the instructor to arrange a time to discuss your situation. It would be helpful if you contact the Office for Students with Disabilities at 514 398-6009 before you do this.

**Dress Code:** Professionalism with respect to dressing is encouraged throughout the course of the semester. The assignments that require a group presentation will be evaluated on presentation and professionalism both with respect to style and dress code. It is each student's responsibility to have appropriate attire during all class assignments and learning activities.

**Technology in Class:** Your respectful attentive presence is expected, therefore while you are permitted to use your laptop in class, it is understood that you will not be using your laptop or cell-phone for social purposes during class time (e.g. email, msn, sms). Your cell phone should be on silence during class time and phone calls should only take place during the break or after class.

**In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.**