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## Salus University to Offer Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

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Elkins Park, PA – Salus University, an internationally recognized academic institution offering a wide range of graduate, professional degree and post-graduate residency programs for healthcare professionals has announced it will launch a post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program this fall. Open to individuals with a Master of Science degree in occupational therapy, and designed for working professionals interested in advancing their career, courses will be offered primarily online over 16 or 27 months. During their program, students will also be required to attend two one-week courses at the University's Elkins Park campus, which provide experiential and community based learning experiences.

In addition to the post-professional OTD program, Salus will be offering three advanced occupational therapy specialty track certificates in Health and Wellness, Low Vision Rehabilitation and Remedial Vision Rehabilitation; each specialty certificate consists of 12 credits. The OTD program and specialty track courses will launch in Fall 2016, with a January 2017 start date being offered as well.

According to Fern Silverman, director of the doctoral program, "This program will prepare occupational therapists to become academics, advanced content experts, or leaders in their clinical setting or community."

## **About Salus University**

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in the Philadelphia area that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,100 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 12,500 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.