

Board Meeting  
May 14, 2014

TRANSFER THE DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FROM THE  
GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Transfer the Doctor of Occupational Therapy from the Graduate College

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, Graduate College, and the College of Applied Health Sciences, recommends the transfer of the Doctor of Occupational Therapy from the Graduate College to the College of Applied Health Sciences.

The action will formally transfer responsibility for all administrative, regulatory, and monitoring functions of the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD). These functions include: the processing of applications for student admissions; maintenance of OTD student files; course changes and transfer credit; all aspects of monitoring student progress, including academic standing, probation, dismissal, and graduation; adjudication of student grievances; and programmatic and curriculum oversight.

The OTD will be overseen by the Applied Health Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, which ensures the College and its departments have the appropriate

policies, capabilities, resources, measurement systems, and program evaluation reporting mechanisms in place to deliver high quality academic programs. Within the Department of Occupational Therapy, student progress will be monitored by the Academic Standing Committee, and a director will coordinate admissions, the training of advisors, student orientation, and other student resources.

The transfer is consistent with the framework of administration and structure of other OTD programs throughout the United States, including many peer institutions. The transfer poses no concerns with the accreditation requirements of the University. Further, the transfer will eliminate any duplication of functions currently performed by the Graduate College and College of Applied Health Sciences.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, the General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.