

## Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template/Abbreviated Template with Curriculum

Institution Submitting Request: University of Utah

Proposed Title: Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies

Currently Approved Title: Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies

School or Division or Location: College of Health

Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Division of Occupational Therapy

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code<sup>1</sup> (for new programs): 51.2306

Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 51.2306

Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): *MM/DD/YEAR*

Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: *MM/DD/YEAR*

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
SECTION NO.		ITEM
5.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	(GCR) Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
5.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau
5.5.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation
5.5.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

*\*Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template*

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

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Signature

Date: *MM/DD/YEAR*

Printed Name: *Name of CAO or Designee*

<sup>1</sup> CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

**Program Request - Abbreviated Template**  
**University of Utah**  
**Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies**  
**Discontinuation**  
**August 2015**

**Section I: Request**

The Division of Occupational Therapy would like to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies. The last Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies degree will be awarded in August 2015.

**Section II: Need**

The Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies degree was put into place so that students could enter the graduate Master's program in occupational therapy in their senior year of undergraduate study and receive a bachelor's degree after the first year in the professional program. The Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies does not have the requirements needed for professional practice. The profession of occupational therapy is moving toward a clinical doctorate degree (OTD) as the minimum degree needed for occupational therapists to enter practice. Accreditation standards for the OTD program require that all students enter the program already having earned a Bachelor's degree. Therefore, the Division of Occupational Therapy will no longer be admitting students who are undergraduate seniors and will have no need for the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies degree.

**Section III: Institutional Impact**

There is no impact in the Division of Occupational Therapy. We will continue to admit the same number of students into the entry-level occupational therapy program. When the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies degree is discontinued, all students must complete a bachelor's degree prior to starting in the professional program. As a result, students will be seeking other related majors to finish thus positively increasing student credit hours and graduation rates for those disciplines. There will be no change in the Division's faculty or staff.

**Section IV: Finances**

The discontinuation of the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies will not impact the finances of the Division. We will continue to admit the same number of students maintaining our student credit hours. When the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies degree is discontinued, all students must complete a bachelor's degree prior to starting in the professional program. As a result, students will be seeking other related majors to finish thus positively increasing student credit hours and graduation rates for those disciplines. As many students already complete a large number of undergraduate courses in those disciplines through their junior year, and this change would only affect approximately 10 students per year, a large impact on these disciplines is not expected. Advising for the occupational therapy program will continue as normal at the undergraduate level to effectively prepare students for admission to the occupational therapy program.

**Section V: Program Curriculum**

Not required for discontinuation



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University of Utah

Dear Curriculum Committee,

The Division of Occupational Therapy in the College of Health would like to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies (BS in OTS). New accreditation requirements in the field necessitate this change as the included documentation displays.

I support this change and would ask that this committee approve the proposal for the benefit of our students in the field of Occupational Therapy.

Thank you,

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March 8, 2014

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Dr. Barbanell,

The Division of Occupational Therapy seeks to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Studies (BSOTS). The BSOTS program allowed students to enter the professional program in their senior year. Professional programs in Occupational Therapy now require entering students to have a completed bachelor's degree before they start a program, removing the viability of the BSOTS program.

The last students in the BSOTS program will graduate Spring 2015, at which point we would like the program discontinued.

Attached is the Program Request Abbreviated Template with the full explanation of the Impact, Finances, and Need of this request. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely

Robin Marcus  
Dean, College of Health