

**Master of Occupational Therapy Program  
University of Manitoba  
OT 7750 Independent Study**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Students complete an in-depth study of evidence for practice in an area of interest. Students will work with an assigned faculty advisor or clinical research consultant to define and evaluate a particular area of interest in occupational therapy practice.

**OBJECTIVES:**

By the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate and synthesize current knowledge on an independent study topic through a formally written literature review.
2. Design a project that analyses a selected area of current or emerging knowledge in occupational therapy and that integrates and applies the existing evidence for practice in an area of occupational therapy.
3. Conduct, analyse, and report project findings, and explain how results compare with the current state of knowledge in the selected topic area and the profession of occupational therapy.
4. Disseminate the knowledge acquired through their independent study topic in a public forum.
5. Develop and use a project management plan to guide project planning and implementation and to explain decision-making processes throughout a project.

**COURSE EVALUATION:**

Students in this course are required to:

- Complete an extensive review of the literature
- Develop an ethics board or grant proposal submission
- Conduct the project
- Share the results publicly at a symposium at the end of their final academic year

**TIMELINE OF EVENTS:**

Nov	Dec	Jan-Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Match student and topic		Coursework & summer holidays	Literature review		Ethics or grant proposal		Fieldwork		Data collection and analysis	Public presentation		

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