

## **Towson University Entry-Level Occupational Therapy Doctorate (ELOTD) Capstone Focus Statement**

This short focus statement should demonstrate your understanding of the additional, largely self-driven elements of TU's clinical doctorate in occupational therapy and why you desire to earn one.

### **Background**

Students may enter the profession of Occupational Therapy with either an Occupational Therapy MS or Entry-Level Occupational Therapy Doctorate (ELOTD) . While both programs prepare you to begin practicing as an entry-level clinician, our ELOTD requires further development of knowledge and skills in a focused area of practice, culminating in the completion of a [capstone project](#).

You are most suited for the ELOTD if you have already identified an area of practice around which you would like to complete additional focused study and skills development, and in which you may intend to seek future employment. Examples include working with a specific population (e.g., children with Autism, people with substance abuse challenges, adult stroke survivors) and/or pursuing specialized skills (e.g., becoming a hand therapist, working with assistive technology, aging in place)

### **Instructions**

In 8-10 sentences, please describe the following:

- The specific focus area you may like to target for a capstone project and experience,
- Why this focus area is important to you,
- Any experiences or learning activities you've already taken to explore your chosen focus area.

We will review your focus statement as part of our application review. It should share new information with us; it should not just repeat information included in your general admission essay.

While it may be possible to change your focus area after beginning the program, we will use this information to direct you to opportunities or course placement that will enhance learning in your focus area.