

### **Mission of the Department of Occupational Therapy**

The mission of the Department of Occupational Therapy is to educate occupational therapy practitioners to interpret the relationship of person, environment and occupation to the health and well-being of individuals and populations in order to enable participation in meaningful occupations in everyday life activities. The department of occupational therapy faculty prepares occupational therapy practitioners for sustainable practice and professional career that contributes to the common good of others in traditional and emerging practice areas across the lifespan.

The program is committed to making occupational therapy professional education accessible to groups historically underserved in higher education, including older adults, minorities, women, the differently-abled, the economically disadvantaged, as well as traditional and international students.

### **Vision of the Department of Occupational Therapy**

The Governors State University, Department of Occupational Therapy envisions preparing nationally recognized leaders, researchers, advocates and educators contributing to the common good of the global society by advancing evidenced-based, best practices within the occupational therapy profession.

### **Core Values**

The Governors State University, Department of Occupational Therapy core values guiding the department vision, mission and philosophy include:

- A respect for the diversity and uniqueness of the human experience;
- A pursuit of the core values and attitudes of the occupational therapy profession: Altruism, Equality, Freedom, Justice, Dignity, Truth and Prudence; and
- A commitment to reflective, evidence-based, self-monitoring of academic and professional performance.