

**Curricular Affairs Committee  
of the Faculty Senate**

**MEMO**

**To:** The UVM Faculty Senate  
**From:** Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair  
**Date:** November 5, 2020  
**Re:** Approval of a request by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences in conjunction with the Graduate College to Deactivate the Post-Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

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On November 5, 2020, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

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The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Department of Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Science in conjunction with the Graduate College to deactivate the Post-Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD). This program was approved by the CAC, Faculty Senate, and Board of Trustees in January 2020. The program has not yet accepted students, and thus there are no students in the program. Deactivation was requested in order to invest efforts in launching a new Entry-Level Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. While an entry-level program was in development with a planned fall 2024 start, the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE®) unexpectedly offered a chance to move that start up to 2022. To take advantage of this opportunity requires re-deploying personnel to that effort, thus necessitating a deactivation of the Post-Professional OTD.

The request for deactivation was approved by the Graduate College Executive; they also noted that they hope to see the post-professional program open when feasible as it serves a different student population.