

Stockton University's Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Social Work Graduate Programs Earn National Recognition

U.S. News & World Report's 2017 Best Graduate Schools

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Galloway, NJ -Three of Stockton University's graduate programs are nationally ranked in U.S. News & World Report's [2017 Best Graduate Schools](#) rankings.

The [Occupational Therapy](#), [Physical Therapy](#) and [Social Work](#) graduate programs at Stockton were each cited as among the United States' best.

"Stockton is pleased to be nationally recognized for the academic excellence of our graduate programs in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Social Work," said President Harvey Kesselman. "Our graduates go on to success in their careers, with excellent board pass rates, and high employment within months of graduation. They are highly trained and dedicated to improving the quality of life for the individuals they serve."

Stockton's School of Health Sciences offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT). The DPT is a three-year, full-time clinical doctoral program that values excellence in teaching, continuous learning, adapting to change, scholarship and service. The MSOT is a two-and-a-half-year, full-time program that educates competent, creative, caring and compassionate professionals. Admission to the programs is highly competitive, with about 10 percent of applicants accepted.

The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a Master's degree in Social Work (MSW), which is designed to educate social workers who are prepared for advanced-level practice with diverse individuals, families and communities. An important component of the MSW Program is an in-depth internship experience, where students have an opportunity to apply their classroom learning to real-life situations. Working in social agencies under the supervision of experienced

social work field instructors, last year students provided nearly 40,000 hours of service to individuals, families, and communities in Atlantic and surrounding counties.

"Going to graduate school is a major commitment of time and money," Anita Narayan, managing editor of Education at U.S. News, said in a release. "Our rankings and advice offer guidance throughout the decision-making process to help prospective students and their families find the right fit."

U.S. News ranks annually ranks graduate disciplines including business, law, education, engineering, medicine and nursing. Programs are evaluated on factors such as employment rates for graduates, starting salary and standardized test scores of newly enrolled students. Because each graduate program is different, the [rankings methodology](#) varies across disciplines.

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