

The New York City Department of Education's Jose P. Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy (OT/PT) Scholarship Program was created to address staffing needs in critical shortage areas and improve the delivery of service to New York City Public School students. This program provides full and partial tuition to individuals pursuing a degree in:

- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Physical Therapy**

### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Jose P. OT/PT Scholarship Program applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Accepted and enrolled in a full-time Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy program at a participating college or university leading to New York State Certification.
- Provide proof of U.S citizenship or permanent resident status.
- Do not possess a disqualifying record of conviction. All awardees are required to be fingerprinted and receive clearance by the New York City Department of Education.
- Agree to accept employment as a full-time Occupational Therapist or Physical Therapist within the New York City Department of Education in an area of high need. High need areas are determined at the discretion of the program supervisor upon obtaining your New York State license.
- Maintain full-time college or university enrollment.
- Pay a non-refundable application fee of **\$75.00**.

Upon completion, participants are required to provide service in the New York City Public School system. The service obligation is two (2) years for every one (1) year that the scholarship is awarded. The maximum number of years that one is allowed to participate in the scholarship is two (2) years, specifically the last two (2) years of study in that program, regardless of the length of applicant study or program.

**The Scholarship Program does NOT pay for prerequisite courses.**

### PARTICIPATING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES\*

The NYC Department of Education will reimburse the college or university the full cost of tuition for a maximum of two (2) years of study while completing the degree. Participating institutions of higher education are:

- Columbia University
- Keuka College
- Long Island University
- Mercy College
- New York Institute of Technology
- New York University
- SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn
- Touro College
- York College

\*Not all degree programs are represented at each college, please refer to our website for specific program requirements.

### KEY DATES

Applications are available the first week of January through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**To apply, visit [www.teachnycprograms.net](http://www.teachnycprograms.net) and select the program of interest.**

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