



**DALHOUSIE
UNIVERSITY**

SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSTING

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 4R2

POSTING DATE: July 16 , 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 3, 2026

POSITION: TA 90, OCCU 5018.03: Lifespan, Development and Occupation

TERM/DATES: September-December 2026

DEPARTMENT/LOCATION: School of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health

PAY RATE: As per CUPE Collective Agreement

WORK ASSIGNMENT

The Teaching Assistant will work collaboratively with the course instructors to support the delivery of **OCCU 5018.03: Lifespan, Development and Occupation**, a graduate-level course in the MSc Occupational Therapy entry-level practice program. Key responsibilities include:

- Preparing, organizing, and managing course content, assessments, and communications through the Brightspace learning management system.
- Grading assignments and providing constructive feedback in accordance with guidance from course instructors.
- Supporting the development of accessible and inclusive teaching materials, learning resources, and classroom activities.
- Facilitating in-class learning activities and small-group discussions, as required.
- Communicating regularly with the course instructors and responding to student inquiries as appropriate.
- Assisting with course administration and other duties as assigned by the course instructors.

**This position may also provide opportunities for professional development, including guest lecturing and/or content development aligned with the successful candidate's expertise and interests.*

Course Schedule:

The course is delivered on **Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Candidates may be required to complete responsibilities, such as grading and course preparation, outside regular business hours, including evenings and weekends, as necessary.

REQUIREMENTS OF POSITION:

- Graduate degree in Occupational Therapy
- Demonstrated strong organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Availability to attend classes in person during the scheduled class times, as required by the course instructors.

The following qualifications will be considered strong assets:

- Previous teaching assistant or teaching experience (online and/or in-person)
- Experience using Brightspace or another learning management system
- Familiarity with universal design for learning (UDL), inclusive education, anti-colonial and culturally responsive pedagogy, and anti-oppressive principles and practices
- Familiarity with course content related to the physical, developmental, ecological, social, cultural, relational, institutional, and spiritual contexts that shape occupation and occupational participation across the lifespan

If you are interested in the above position, please apply in writing by the application deadline to Michael Crawford at michael.crawford@dal.ca. Applications must include a cover letter, CV, and 2 references.

All offers of employment as a Teaching Assistant are conditional upon sufficient student enrolment in the course and approval by the University.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Dalhousie University commits to achieving inclusive excellence through continually championing equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. The university encourages applications from Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island (especially Mi'kmaq), persons of Black/African descent (especially African Nova Scotians), and members of other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, women, persons identifying as members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. In accordance with our Employment Equity Policy, preference will be given in hiring processes to candidates who self-identify as members of one or more of the equity-deserving groups listed above. For more information, including details related to our Employment Equity Policy and Plan and definitions of equity-deserving groups please review our [Employment Equity](#) information.

If you require any support for the purpose of accommodation, such as technical aids or alternative arrangements, please let us know of these needs and how we can be of assistance. Dalhousie University is committed to ensuring all candidates have full, fair, and equitable participation in the hiring process. Our complete Accommodation Policy can be viewed [here](#).