



FAST FACTS

Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)

Earn a Doctoral Degree for Entry into Occupational Therapy

The Occupational Therapy Program at The University of Toledo provides a fully accredited way for the career-minded, dedicated student to earn a doctorate while qualifying for certification as an occupational therapist. The student can accomplish this in 33 months of full-time, intensive study.

What are the Entrance Requirements/Prerequisites?

- Bachelor degree in any field of study with a minimum 3.0 GPA must be completed prior to starting the program NOT prior to application.
- GRE with minimum mean percentile of 33% across all three sections. If the undergraduate GPA is 3.5 or greater, the GRE is NOT required. Applicants who have completed a master's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (as calculated by OTCAS) DO NOT need to take the GRE.
- Completion of the OT Centralized Application System (OTCAS) application and payment of fee.
- Completion of The University of Toledo's OTD Supplemental Application found at <https://apply.utoledo.edu> and payment of application fee.
- Completion of a Prerequisite Plan form (found within the University of Toledo's OTD supplemental application)
 - Prerequisites: Applicants must receive a B- or better in all prerequisite courses. Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to starting the program NOT prior to application:
 - Introductory Biology (3 semester or 4 quarter credits). Lab not required
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology (6 semester or 8 quarter credits). Lab required; if Anatomy and Physiology are taken as separate courses, we require a lab for Anatomy but not Physiology
 - Introduction to Psychology (3 semester or 4 quarter credits)
 - Abnormal Psychology (3 semester or 4 quarter credits)
 - Introduction to Sociology or Anthropology (3 semester or 4 quarter credits)
 - Medical Terminology (course or proficiency test)
 - Lifespan Human Development. You may meet this requirement by EITHER:
 - 1) obtaining a B- or better in a Lifespan Human Development course (3 semester or 4 quarter credits) that covers human development from birth to death OR
 - 2) obtaining a B- or better in both a Child Development (3 semester or 4 quarter credits) course AND a Gerontology/Psychology of Aging course (3 semester or 4 quarter credits).
- UT Writing Sample (found within The University of Toledo's Supplemental Application). This is not the same as the Personal Statement that is part of the OTCAS application.
- Three letters of recommendation (submitted through OTCAS only)

NOTE: You must apply via <https://portal.otcas.org> to access the OTCAS application AND <https://apply.utoledo.edu> for The University of Toledo's OTD Supplemental Application. The OTCAS portal opens in mid-July for each admission cycle.

What is the Application Timeline?

Applications will be reviewed beginning September 1st for admission the following academic year. Please refer to our website for current admission cycle dates. Applications are processed and students are accepted as applications are received (rolling admission) until the class is filled.

Is the Program Offered on Evenings or Weekends?

Most OT classes are scheduled on Tuesday through Friday, into the early evening. Mondays as well as Wednesday and Friday mornings are reserved for fieldwork experiences, research projects, group projects, mandatory program meetings, and individual student meetings with Faculty.

Seek Value

The UT Occupational Therapy Program was the first accredited entry-level occupational therapy doctoral program at a public institution; therefore, tuition is relatively reasonable. Excellent packages of financial aid and scholarships are available. Taking long-term perspectives, our students anticipate that a doctoral degree will open doors for leadership positions.

Be Involved with Patients/Clients

The curriculum requires fieldwork from the first semester to the last. In addition to clinical experiences at The UT Health Science Campus, fieldwork contracts exist with over 300 clinical organizations, some with sites across many states. Hours spent by UT students in Level I fieldwork greatly exceed accreditation minimum requirements.

Individualize Your Education

Starting in the first semester, each student plans and conducts two major individualized projects: a) a capstone experience culminating in a full semester of hands-on involvement in a personally chosen area (e.g., clinical studies, program development, advocacy), and b) a research project investigating a question of importance to occupational therapy, with data collection, analysis, write-up, and formal presentation. These projects involve extensive mentoring by academic faculty and participating clinical educators.

Enjoy a Small Class Size

Twenty students are admitted each fall. Students get individual attention and get to know their faculty and classmates well. In turn, the faculty get to know students. The students describe themselves at the following web page:

<http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/ot/Students.html>.

Study with Excellent Faculty

All full-time faculty hold doctorates, conduct scholarly projects, and mentor students in research and capstones. Students have daily contact with faculty who have national and international reputations.

Enjoy Advanced Technology

Advanced technology provided in designated clinical labs, research spaces and classrooms.

Strive toward Autonomous Professional Decisions

The curriculum is structured to help students become autonomous decision makers, as needed in an increasingly complex healthcare system. UT graduates will not only carry out occupational therapy programs; they will also create occupational therapy programs.

Rest Assured Concerning Accreditation and Certification

The UT program was reviewed by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) and, in 2009, was re-accredited for the maximum possible period (10 years). The UT program was judged as meeting every ACOTE criterion (ACOTE, 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda MD, 20814, 301.652.2682, www.acoteonline.org). Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy certification examination required for state licensure.

Start Down the Path toward Leadership and Success

The UT Occupational Therapy Program has consistently ranked high in national polls. More importantly, our graduates have become true leaders in clinical practice, administration, program development, advocacy, and clinical education. The graduate not only will have a well-paying job but also will enjoy the experience of being a valued professional.

Where Can I Find More Information About the Profession and the UT OTD Program?

- Explore OT through OCCT2550 Purposeful Living: The Role of Occupational Therapy (3 credit hour undergraduate course offered in the fall and spring semesters)
- American Occupational Therapy Association (www.aota.org)
- Ohio Occupational Therapy Association (www.oota.org)
- The UT Occupational Therapy Program
<http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/ot/> or occtherapydoctorate@utoledo.edu