

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program

Application requirements

- Official transcripts for all colleges attended
- 3 letters of recommendation
- 3 essays (1 personal statement, 2 school specific prompts)



Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

Competitive applicants will have at least a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with less than a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 will be considered if their last 90 graded quarter or 60 graded semester credits average to at least a 3.0.

OT exposure

A minimum of 20 hours of OT exposure is required. This exposure can be from the following list of options. It is important for applicants to understand the breadth and depth of occupational therapy, therefore a variety of experiences is recommended.

- Direct OT observations (i.e., caregiving, clinical site, shadowing, interviewing)
- Intro to OT course at the college-level
- Completion of online OT module designed by a university
- Rehabilitation-related research participation
- Work or volunteer with persons with disabilities



Prerequisite courses

- Must be graded 3.0 (B) or higher
- One prerequisite course can be graded as low as 2.7 (B-)
- English composition
- Sociology/Anthropology/Public health
- Statistics
- Developmental psychology
- Abnormal psychology
- Human anatomy
- Human physiology



The University of Washington Division of Occupational Therapy is currently in Applicant status with ACOTE for an entry-level doctorate (OTD) degree. The OTD program is also in the UW proposal stage, and will be launched Autumn 2027 pending review and approval by the UW Board of Regents and NWCCU. If approved, the OTD program will have the following admissions requirements.

The University of Washington Master of Occupational Therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814, Phone c/o AOTA: (301) 652-AOTA