



UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF REHABILITATIVE SCIENCES

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ENTRY-LEVEL DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OTD)

The mission of the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS) OTD program is to graduate OT practitioners with the doctoral skills necessary to analyze human occupation and to implement science-driven and evidence-based interventions that promote quality of life for the clients whom they will serve.

*The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that employment for occupational therapists will increase by 18% between the years of 2018-2028, which is well above the national average for all occupations.**

* Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Occupational Therapists, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/occupational-therapists.htm> (visited September, 2019).

MULTIPLE OPTIONS TO EARN YOUR OTD DEGREE

We offer our students multiple program formats to earn their OTD degree, a full-time on-campus based program as well as a Flex option (online courses and weekend labs on campus).

Full-Time	Flex
Weekdays	Weekend/Online
Local students/Relocation	Distance w/travel
8 trimesters	12 trimesters
3 start dates per campus	2 start dates at Dallas, TX campus
2 years 8 months**	4 years**

Speak to an Enrollment Advisor by calling **800.241.1027**

** Estimates are based on the assumption that a student goes straight through the program, without breaks or repeating academic work.

WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES (USAHS)

- Faculty to student ratios that promote the development of close relationships with both faculty and peers.
- Collaborate and learn from students in other healthcare professions.
- Our four concentration areas are program development, leadership and advocacy, policy and emerging practice.
- Learn from doctorally prepared faculty. Work alongside faculty who are practicing professionals and leaders in their fields.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution.
- Prerequisite coursework completed within the last 5 years with a recommended GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Combined minimum GRE score of 294 is recommended. The test must have been taken within the last five (5) years.

Please consult your enrollment advisor for more information on these and other prerequisites.

Prerequisite Courses

Motion & Movement
(Physics, Physical Sciences, Biomechanics or Anatomical Kinesiology)

Biology (Human Based)

General or Upper Level Human Anatomy & Physiology

Human Development across the Lifespan

Social Sciences
(e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Abnormal Psychology)

Medical Terminology

Statistics

Semester Credit Hours

3

3

6

3

12

1

3

Application Dates

We offer three start dates a year for the full-time OTD program - Fall, Spring and Summer. For the flexible OTD we offer the program at our Dallas, TX campus in Fall and Spring.

OTD Tuition: 2019 - 2020 Academic Year***

Tuition is estimated at \$12,948 per trimester.***

Flex OTD Tuition: 2019 - 2020 Academic Year***

Tuition is estimated at \$8,175 per trimester.***

Fieldwork Experience****

USAHS has a diverse and extensive network of clinical partners where students may be assigned to complete their fieldwork experiences. Although USAHS will make its best effort to find a placement in close proximity of a student's current location, students should plan on the potential need to travel or relocate for fieldwork experiences.

ACCREDITATION

The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, #100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 748-9001, www.wscuc.org.

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral (OTD) programs at the Austin, TX, San Marcos, CA, and St. Augustine and Miami, FL campuses are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929, (301) 652-AOTA, www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the programs will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

The entry-level OTD programs at the Dallas, TX campus has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. The program must have a

preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

After an OTD program graduate's successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Students must complete 24 weeks of Level II fieldwork within 24 months following completion of all prior didactic portions of the program. Students must complete an individual 14-week capstone experience 18 months following completion of the remaining didactic portion of the program. The doctoral capstone experience must be started after completion of all coursework and Level II fieldwork as well as completion of preparatory activities defined in 2018 ACOTE OTD Standard D.1.3.

For more information, please visit www.usa.edu/about/accreditation

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*** Tuition amount subject to change. Price shown does not reflect fees, books and other expenses.

**** Clinical placements are determined by USAHS based on the student's academic needs and to provide the best educational experience. Students should plan on the need to travel and/or relocate for clinical experiences.