



## Clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy is an evidence informed healthcare profession with a holistic, whole-person approach to practice. By considering a person's psychological, physical, emotional, social factors, and context, occupational therapists assist people to regain function, adapt to change, and build health-promoting habits and routines. By enabling engagement in everyday living and doing at home, school, or work, occupational therapy practitioners help people develop and maximize their potential to live independent and productive lives despite illness, injury, disability or other limitations.

Students pursuing a career in occupational therapy are encouraged to choose any undergraduate major that aligns with their interests and generates the necessary prerequisites for admission.

**Our Program.** Marquette's entry-level clinical occupational therapy doctorate (OTD) program is a three-year (9 semester) professional course of study designed to educate future leaders of a collaborative and culturally responsive workforce.

The Ignatian ideals of concern for the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of the individual underpins the learning experience. The curriculum health sciences and sociocultural perspectives, producing graduates with the knowledge needed to affect changes in policy and practices that positively impact individual, community, and population health.

**Our Students.** Marquette OT students experience multi-disciplinary academic education in shared learning spaces. Additional features include exposure to interprofessional teaching-learning practice in on-campus clinics, opportunities to participate in faculty research, and optional studies in advanced emphasis tracks.

Marquette's OTD graduates will be autonomous, ethical, visionary leaders who:

- create and lead system change;
- advocate for the profession;
- bring a global perspective to practice with individuals, groups, and populations;
- influence policies that affect accessibility to occupational therapy services;
- innovate by bringing occupational services into nontraditional settings.
- contribute to the occupational therapy body of knowledge and disseminate this knowledge within the profession, to other professions, disciplines or areas of study, and to the general public.

**Accreditation.** Marquette University has applied for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org). Applicant programs must be granted Candidacy Status, have a pre-accreditation 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). Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

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