

Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Degree Level: Professional – Doctorate (2026 Summer Start)

Program Length: 36 months

Marquette's entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctoral (OTD) program in the College of Health Sciences is a three-year program (9 semesters). This summer start curriculum begins with the cohort admitted for summer 2026. This professional program of study is designed to produce future leaders for a collaborative and culturally responsive workforce.

3+3 Early Admission Program

FRESHMAN Direct Admission – new freshman applicants to MU are eligible to apply to the 3+3 OTD program through their MU application.

- Majors with approved 3+3 OTD tracks: Exercise Physiology or Biomedical Sciences in the College of Health Sciences; or Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

MU JUNIOR Transfer Admission – current MU students not in the direct-admit track can apply in their junior year to enter the OTD program in their senior year.

- Students in one of the three majors with 3+3 OTD tracks (Exercise Physiology, Biomedical Sciences, or Psychology) follow the direct-admit track for that major.
- Students in other majors at MU may apply for transfer admission in their junior year if they are on track to complete all degree requirements including the Marquette Core Curriculum (MCC) and all college/major/minor requirements, such that no greater than 33 total elective credits remain to complete the undergraduate degree upon entering the OTD program in the senior year.

Post Baccalaureate Applicants

- Applicants who will have a completed bachelor's degree prior to matriculation to the OTD program apply through the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application System (OTCAS)
- The OTCAS application cycle opens in July of the year preceding matriculation.

See reverse side for program prerequisites and curriculum



Why OTD at MU?

- On-campus clinics, like the Neuro Recovery Clinic, offer opportunities for interprofessional teaching-learning practice.
- Intentional integration of Ignatian core values into course work and community outreach.
- A strong biomedical sciences foundation including cadaver dissection in the college's renowned gross anatomy lab.
- State-of-the-art simulation and clinical treatment areas, including a fully furnished apartment and pediatric sensory gym.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit the OT website at:



Marquette.edu/occupational-therapy

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program is accredited 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. Graduates of the program 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 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.



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PREREQUISITE COURSES	Credits	
Biological Science (course must cover cell function, BIOL 1001 at MU)	3	Anatomy and physiology must be taken at Marquette University.
Abnormal Psychology	3	
Developmental Psychology (must cover lifespan)	3	Other test (AP/IB) or transfer credits earned in high school may be applied toward the remaining OTD prerequisites.
Human Anatomy and Physiology (separate courses or two-course A&P sequence)	6	
Statistics (test credits accepted)	3	
Humanities and Social Sciences (3 credits each)	6	Refer to the OT program website for all other prerequisite guidelines.
Medical Terminology (can be completed online for credit or certification)	1	
Introduction to Occupational Therapy (required for direct-admit OTD students)	1	

OTD – Year 1 (senior year for 3+3 students)		
SUMMER SEMESTER	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
Foundations of Occupational Therapy	Human Gross Anatomy	Kinesiology
Health Humanities 1: Values and Ethics	Clinical and Health Condition	Clinical Applications in Occupational Therapy
Ther. Technology, Accessibility & Environ. 1	OT Theory and Process: Mental Health	Neuroscience
Health Through Occupations	Evidence Based Practice 1	OT Theory & Process: Children and Youth 1
	Level I Fieldwork: Mental Health	Research Methods
	Interprofessional Education 1	Interprofessional Education 2 and 3
OTD – Year 2		
SUMMER SEMESTER	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
OT Theory & Process: Orthopedics	OT Theory & Process: Productive Aging	Professional Seminar I (first 3 wks)
Ther. Technology, Accessibility & Environ. 2	Practical Applications in OT	Level II Fieldwork (last 12 wks)
OT Theory & Process: Adult and Disability	Neurorehabilitation	
OT Theory & Process: Children & Youth 2	Evidence Based Practice 2	
Introduction to Doctoral Capstone	Doctoral Capstone Project Devel. 1	
Level I Fieldwork: Children and Youth	Level I Fieldwork: Adulthood	
	Interprofessional Education 4	
OTD – Year 3		
SUMMER SEMESTER	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
Level II Fieldwork B (12 wks)	Medical Humanities 2	Doctoral Capstone Experience (14 wks)
	Doctoral Capstone Project Devel 2	Doctoral Capstone Eval. & Dissemination
	Leadership, Management and Academia	
	Professional Seminar 2	
	OT Advanced Practice	
	Doctoral Capstone	

Note: This curriculum is subject to change prior to a student entering the Professional Phase of the OTD program. Students are bound by the curriculum that is in place upon entering the first semester of the OTD curriculum.

