

Des Moines University

Disclosure Regarding Academic Curriculum Requirements for Licensure

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Occupational Therapy is a licensed profession in all 50 states. To become licensed to practice as a Doctor of Occupational Therapy in all states, a student must graduate from a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) and pass the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

DMU's Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Pre-accreditation Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is 301-652-6611 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 to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

State requirements for licensure are subject to change. These statements and program completion do not guarantee licensure. DMU cannot provide verification of an individual's ability to meet licensure requirements unrelated to its educational program. Students are encouraged to review licensure requirements - including non-educational requirements such as certification/examination work experience, background checks, etc. - for the states in which they intend to seek licensure. To find additional detail on state requirements, see the state-specific licensure information and contacts provided by the American Occupational Therapy Association:

https://myaota.aota.org/regulatorycontacts.aspx?_ga=2.62389352.555049451.1653333402-655732587.1653333402

		Curricular Requirements?		Updated: 07/2026	
	State	Yes	No	State Professional Association or License Authority	Notes
1	Alabama	X		Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy; https://ot.alabama.gov/	
2	Alaska	X		Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy.aspx	
3	Arizona	X		Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners; https://ot.az.gov/	
4	Arkansas	X		Arkansas State Medical Board; http://www.armedicalboard.org/Professionals/OccupationalTherapistandAssistant.aspx	
5	California	X		California Board of Occupational Therapy; https://www.bot.ca.gov/	
6	Colorado	X		Colorado Office of Occupational Therapy; https://dpo.colorado.gov/OccupationalTherapy	
7	Connecticut	X		Connecticut State Department of Public Health; https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/occupational-therapist/ot-licensure-requirements?language=en_US	
8	Delaware	X		Delaware Board of Occupational Therapy; https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/occupationaltherapy/	
9	District of Columbia	X		DC Health; https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/157592	
10	Florida	X		Florida Board of Occupational Therapy; https://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/	
11	Georgia	X		Georgia State Board of Occupational Tehrapy; https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-occupational-therapy	
12	Hawaii	X		Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Professional & Vocational Licensing Division; https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/occupational/	
13	Idaho	X		Welcome to Idaho's Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses; https://dopl.idaho.gov/oct/	
14	Illinois	X		Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/occtherapy.html	
15	Indiana	X		Indiana Occupational Therapy Committee; https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/occupational-therapy-home/	
16	Iowa	X		Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy; https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medical/pt-ot	
17	Kansas	X		Kansas Board of Healing Arts; https://www.ksbha.ks.gov/	
18	Kentucky	X		Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy; https://bot.ky.gov/	
19	Louisiana	X		Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; https://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/occupational-therapistsassistants	
20	Maine	X		State of Maine Professional and Financial Regulation; https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-occupational-therapy-practice	
21	Maryland	X		Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; https://health.maryland.gov/botp/Pages/home.aspx	
22	Massachusetts	X		Board of Allied Health Professionals; https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals	
23	Michigan	X		Michigan Board of Occupational Therapy; https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/ot	
24	Minnesota	X		Minnesota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; https://mn.gov/boards/occupational-therapy/	

25	Mississippi	X		Mississippi State Department of Health; https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30.html	
26	Missouri	X		Missouri Division of Professional Registration; https://pr.mo.gov/octherapy.asp	
27	Montana	X		Montana Board of Occupational Therapy; https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/occupational-therapy/	
28	Nebraska	X		Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/occupational-therapy.aspx	
29	Nevada	X		State of Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy; https://www.nvot.org	
30	New Hampshire	X		New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; https://www.oplc.nh.gov/find-board/occupational-therapists-governing-board/occupational-therapists-applications	
31	New Jersey	X		New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs; https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ot/Pages/default.aspx	
32	New Mexico	X		New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department; https://rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/occupational-therapy/	
33	New York	X		New York Office of the Professions; https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions-index/occupational-therapy	
34	North Carolina	X		North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy; https://www.ncbot.org/	
35	North Dakota	X		North Dakota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; https://www.ndotboard.com/	
36	Ohio	X		Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board; https://otptat.ohio.gov/	
37	Oklahoma	X		Oklahoma Board of Medicine: https://www.okmedicalboard.org/occupational_therapists	
38	Oregon	X		Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board; https://www.oregon.gov/otlb/Pages/default.aspx	
39	Pennsylvania	X		Pennsylvania Department of State; https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/departments-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/occupational-therapy	Note: We anticipate that our program meets requirements, given what is typical in OT education. However, as written, the licensure stipulation states, "A 4-year educational program in occupational therapy". Our program is FTE to 4 years (8 semesters), and combined with undergraduate requirements is FTE to 6.5 years.
40	Rhode Island	X		State of Rhode Island Department of Health; https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=234	
41	South Carolina	X		South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy; https://llr.sc.gov/ot/	
42	South Dakota	X		South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners; https://www.sdbmoe.gov/professions-occupational-therapist-ot/	
43	Tennessee	X		Tennessee Department of Health; https://www.tn.gov/health/licensure/ot.html	
44	Texas	X		Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; https://ptot.texas.gov/occupationaltherapy/	
45	Utah	X		Utah Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing; https://dopl.utah.gov/occupational-therapy/	
46	Vermont	X		Office of Professional Regulation Occupational Therapy Section; https://sos.vermont.gov/occupational-therapy/	
47	Virginia	X		Virginia Department of Health Professions Board of Medicine; https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Medicine/AbouttheBoard/RegulatedProfessions/OccupationalTherapy/	
48	Washington	X		Washington State Department of Health; https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/occupational-therapist-and-occupational-therapy-assistant/licensing-information	
49	West Virginia	X		West Virginia Board of Occupational Therapy; https://wvbot.wv.gov/	
50	Wisconsin	X		State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services; https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/professions/occupationaltherapist/default.aspx	
51	Wyoming	X		Wyoming Board of Occupational Therapy; https://occupationaltherapy.wyo.gov/	
52	American Samoa	X		OT is not regulated in this territory.	
53	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	X		Professional Association of Occupational Therapy of Puerto Rico; https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/577	
54	Guam	X		Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners; https://guamhplo.org/sites/default/files/10_gca_ch_12_part_2.pdf	
55	US Virgin Islands	X		OT is not regulated in this territory.	
56	Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	X		OT is not regulated in this territory.	
57	Republic of the Marshall Islands	X		OT is not regulated in this territory.	

58	Federal States of Micronesia	X		OT is not regulated in this territory.	
59	Republic of Palau	X		OT is not regulated in this territory.	