

University of Mary Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program

Credentialing

Upon satisfactory completion of the University of Mary Occupational Therapy Doctorate Degree Program, including Level II fieldwork and the doctoral experience and capstone, students are awarded the Occupational Therapy Doctorate Degree and are eligible to take the certification examination for the occupational therapist, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. Successful completion of this examination leads to certification as an occupational therapist and to the title “Occupational Therapist, Registered” (OTR). Additionally, individual state regulations must be met for the OTR to practice. Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, licenses are usually based upon results of the NBCOT certification examination. When applying for state licensure, certification or registration, a criminal background check is typically completed. A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to take the National Board for Certification examination or to attain state licensure.

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy Doctorate Degree Program at the University of Mary is accredited 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 phone number, C/O AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org

University of Mary Occupational Therapy Graduation Rates- DOCTORATE DEGREE

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Year	Students Entering Program/ Students Graduating	Graduation Rates
2022	56/55	98%
2023	47/45	96%
2024	56/53	95%
2022-2024	159/153	96%

University of Mary Occupational Therapy Master of Science Program

Credentialing

Upon satisfactory completion of the University of Mary Occupational Therapy Master of Science Degree Program, including Level II fieldwork, students are awarded the Occupational Therapy Master of Science Degree and are eligible to take the certification examination for the occupational therapist, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (based on successful accreditation by ACOTE). Successful completion of this examination leads to certification as an occupational therapist and to the title “Occupational Therapist, Registered” (OTR). Additionally, individual state regulations must be met for the OTR to practice. Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, licenses are usually based upon results of the NBCOT certification examination. When applying for state licensure, certification or registration, a criminal background check is typically completed. A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to take the National Board for Certification examination or to attain state licensure.

Accreditation

The master's degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by ACOTE. The program must 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). ACOTE is located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's phone number, C/O AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA.

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The first cohort of students will graduate in August 2026.