OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Overview

Degree Offered
Doctor of Occupational Therapy, OTD

Program Length and Locations
The program is eight semesters in length, (33 months) starting in August and ending three years later in May. The program is a hybrid format. We admit a single cohort per year which is offered via a combination of innovative technology, online learning, and face-to-face delivery at UNMC in Omaha and UNMC Health Science Education Complex (HSEC) in Kearney.

Degree Requirements (Academic and Professional Standards)
Students must receive a passing grade of “C” or better or “Pass” in all courses and maintain an overall quality grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or above. Grades of less than “C” are considered as failing within the occupational therapy program. Students need a variety of skills and attributes to be successful to enter the occupational therapy profession. The program will support the development of critical thinking, professional behaviors, scientific knowledge of the discipline, psychomotor skills, knowledge translation, and health and wellness.

For specific OT admissions, application, and timelines, visit: Occupational Therapy Admissions.

Certification and Licensure
Certification and Licensure Disclosure
The US Department of Education requires UNMC to make the following disclosures to applicants who are interested in or enrolled in degree programs that lead to state licensure or certification. Certification and licensure requirements differ from state to state. We are required to notify you if the program you are interested in or enrolled in will meet educational requirements to apply for certification or licensure in your home state. The official categories are: Meets; Does Not Meet; and Have Not Made a Determination if it Does or Does Not Meet. A Does Not Meet or Have Not Made a Determination status does not indicate that you will be unable to obtain certification or licensure in your home state. Please check with your advisor, department chair, or certification officer for further details. Contact information for each program is found in the program sections below.

Common causes for a Does Not Meet or Have Not Made a Determination include the following:
• Your home state certification agency requires a transcript review prior to application for certification.
• Your home state does not have an equivalent for an endorsement completed in Nebraska.
• Your home state requires you to take an additional course or exam specific to that state’s history or laws. These courses and exams are not offered in Nebraska.

Doctor of Occupational Therapy, OTD Program
All candidates for licensure as an occupational therapist in the state of Nebraska must have graduated from a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Students graduating from an ACOTE® accredited occupational therapy program are eligible to take the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification exam and apply for licensure in all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. For more information regarding state qualifications and licensure requirements, please refer to the AOTA State Licensure webpage (https://www.aota.org/). States other than Nebraska may have additional requirements for licensure. Requirements such as fingerprinting, background checks, and other requirements may vary between states.

This information is current as of November 12, 2020. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm licensure eligibility.

For further information, contact:
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Program website (https://www.unmc.edu/alliedhealth/education/ot/)

Additional information and resources regarding licensure is available from the American Occupational Therapy Association webpage (https://www.aota.org/).