

Occupational Therapy (OTD)

The educational requirements to obtain licensure as an occupational therapist are met when a student earns a degree from an accredited program in occupational therapy. The Mercer University Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program has applied for accreditation 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 is (301) 652-AOTA, and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The OTD program 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. After successful completion of this examination, the applicant will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered.

There are many other requirements to obtain licensure as an occupational therapist. All applicants must successfully pass the National Board of Occupational Therapy exam (NBCOT). Other requirements may include specific clinical practice experience, state-specific jurisprudence examinations, applications, fees, background checks, etc. Each state board, agency, or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure will be issued.

Below is a table that displays states where the OTD program meets or does not meet the educational requirements for licensure. Please review the table closely to determine if the OTD program meets the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure.

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U.S. State or Territory	Regulatory Body	Website URL	Meets educational requirements
Alabama	Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy	www.ot.alabama.gov	Yes
Alaska	Alaska State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board	www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/physicaltherapyoccupationaltherapy.aspx	Yes
Arizona	Arizona State Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners	https://ot.az.gov/	Yes

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Arkansas	Arkansas State Medical Board – Occupational Therapists	https://www.armedicalboard.org/Professionals/OccupationalTherapistandAssistant.aspx	Yes
California	California Board of Occupational Therapy	https://www.bot.ca.gov/	Yes
Colorado	Colorado Office of Occupational Therapy	https://dpo.colorado.gov/OccupationalTherapy	Yes
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Public Health: Occupational Therapist Licensure	https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/occupational-therapist/occupational-therapist-licensure	Yes
Delaware	Delaware Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/occupationaltherapy/	Yes
District of Columbia (DC)	District of Columbia Board of Occupational Therapy	https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/occupational-therapy-licensing	Yes
Florida	Florida Board of Occupational Therapy	https://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/	Yes
Georgia	Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy	https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-occupational-therapy	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Professional and Vocational Licensing Division – Occupational Therapy Program	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/occupational/	Yes
Idaho	Idaho Occupational Therapy Licensure Board	https://apps.dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=OCT	Yes
Illinois	Illinois Occupational Therapy Licensure Board	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/occtherapy.html	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Occupational Therapy Committee	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/occupational-therapy-home/occupational-therapy-board/	Yes
Iowa	Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy	https://dial.iowa.gov/about-dial/boards-0/physical-occupational-therapy	Yes
Kansas	Kansas Board of the Healing Arts	https://www.ksbha.ks.gov/professions/occupational-therapist-o-t	Yes
Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy	https://bot.ky.gov/	Yes

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Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	https://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/occupational-therapistsassistants	Yes
Maine	Maine Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-occupational-therapy-practice	Yes
Maryland	Maryland Department of Health Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://health.maryland.gov/botp/Pages/home.aspx	Yes
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Allied Health Professionals	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals	Yes
Michigan	Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/ot	Yes
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://mn.gov/boards/occupational-therapy/	Yes
Mississippi	Mississippi State Department of Health	https://msdh.ms.gov/page/30,0,82.html	Yes
Missouri	Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy	https://pr.mo.gov/octherapy.asp	Yes
Montana	Montana Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/occupational-therapy/	Yes
Nebraska	Nebraska Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/occupational-therapy.aspx	Yes
Nevada	Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy	https://www.nvot.org/	Yes
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Occupational Therapy Governing Board	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/occupational-therapy-governing-board	Yes
New Jersey	New Jersey Occupational Therapy Advisory Council	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ot	Yes
New Mexico	New Mexico Board of Examiners for Occupational Therapy	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/occupational-therapy/	Yes

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New York	New York State Board for Occupational Therapy	https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions-index/occupational-therapy	Yes
North Carolina	North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy	https://www.ncbot.org/	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://www.ndotboard.com/	Yes
Ohio	Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	https://otptat.ohio.gov/Occupational-Therapy/Applications	Yes
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Medical Board	https://www.okmedicalboard.org/occupational_therapists	Yes
Oregon	Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board	https://www.oregon.gov/otlb/pages/default.aspx	Yes
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/OccupationalTherapy/Pages/default.aspx	Yes
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=234	Yes
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy	https://llr.sc.gov/ot/	Yes
South Dakota	South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners	https://www.sdbmoe.gov/professions-occupational-therapist-ot/	Yes
Tennessee	Tennessee Board of Occupational Therapy	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/ot-board.html	Yes
Texas	Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners	https://ptot.texas.gov/occupationaltherapy/	Yes
Utah	Utah Board of Occupational Therapy	https://dopl.utah.gov/ot/	Yes
Vermont	Vermont Office of Professional Regulation: Occupational Therapy	https://sos.vermont.gov/occupational-therapy/	Yes
Virginia	Virginia Advisory Board of Occupational Therapy	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Medicine/AbouttheBoard/RegulatedProfessions/OccupationalTherapy/	Yes

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Washington	Washington Occupational Therapy Practice Board	https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/occupational-therapist-and-occupational-therapy-assistant	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Occupational Therapy	https://www.wvbot.org/	Yes
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board	https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/BoardsCouncils/MEB/OT/Default.aspx	Yes
Wyoming	Wyoming Board of Occupational Therapy	https://occupationaltherapy.wyo.gov/home	Yes
American Samoa	American Samoa Bar Association	https://asbar.org/	
Federated States of Micronesia	Unknown		No – unable to determine
Guam	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE)	https://guamhplo.org/gbahe	
Marshall Islands	Unknown		No – unable to determine
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB)	https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/	
Palau	Unknown		No – unable to determine
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Occupational Therapy	https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/577	
US Virgin Islands	Unknown		No – unable to determine

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