



# Doctor of Occupational Therapy

College of Health Professions

Occupational therapists assist individuals across the lifespan to develop, improve, sustain or restore daily living, work or productivity and play or leisure by using meaningful and healthy occupations. At the University of Findlay, the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program prepares students to not only practice occupational therapy, but also fulfill leadership roles and advanced positions in the field.

Our program embodies principles of human occupation and incorporates community-based experiences and service learning to prepare occupational therapists who understand and value a community-focused and occupation-based approach to practice, and participate in ongoing professional development in preparation for service in diverse communities.

## Accreditation Statement

The University of Findlay's entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has been granted Accreditation with a 7 year review cycle 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](http://www.acoteonline.org).

## Program Highlights

**Doctoral Experience** - OTD students complete Doctoral Experience rotations, which provide students with opportunities to enhance their skills and expertise in specific areas of interest in clinical practice, administration, advocacy, research, and/or education.

**OT Adaptive Living House** - Students gain the knowledge and skills that are required to adapt home environments and devices that support individuals' day-to-day activities.

**Three-Year Program** - The OTD Program is a three-year, post-baccalaureate program designed to be completed in nine consecutive semesters, including summers, with fieldwork integrated throughout the academic program. The third year of the curriculum consists of Level II Fieldwork and Doctoral Capstone Experience and Project.

**Early Assurance** - High school seniors have the option to apply for Early Assurance, which holds a seat for them in the OTD Program while they complete their bachelor's degree at Findlay.

## Sample Curriculum

### Admission Requirements

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Students wishing to apply for admission to the OTD Program must have completed the following admission criteria:

- Minimum overall grade point average of 3.0
- Fifty hours of observation or volunteer experience
- Completion of baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Completion of the Occupational Therapy Central Application Service (OTCAS) application.
- Three satisfactory professional recommendations

### Prerequisite Courses

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Candidates must also have completed the following prerequisite courses with a "C" or better prior to beginning the program

- BIOL 201 & BIOL 201L Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology w/ Lab  
OR  
BIOL 222 & BIOL 222L Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions I w/ Lab  
AND  
BIOL 223 & BIOL 223L Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions II w/ Lab
- ANHS 220 Medical Terminology
- PSYC 100 General Psychology
- PSYC 208 Lifespan Development
- PSYC 233 Abnormal Psychology
- MATH 221 Integrated Statistical Analysis  
OR  
MATH 223 Applied Statistics & Data Analysis  
OR  
BSLA 314 Applied Statistics
- SOCI 105 Introduction to Sociology

### Professional Curriculum Courses

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- Conceptual Foundations of Occupational Therapy
- Analysis of Human Occupations
- Human Anatomical Structures
- Health Conditions and Occupational Performance
- Analysis & Assessment of Contextual Movement
- Clinical Practice in OT I: Concepts, Phil & Client-Ctr. Care
- Research in Occupational Therapy
- Clinical Practice in OT II: Biopsychosocial
- Evidence Based Practice
- Neuroscience
- Prof. & Contextual Issues in OT Practice I: Change Agent
- Prof & Contextual Issues in OT Practice II: Roles & Resp.
- Essentials of OT Practice I: Group Dynamics
- Research in Action I
- Professional & Contextual Issues in OT Practice III: Cultural Comp.
- Essentials of OT Practice II: Contemp. Instr. Strategies
- Research in Action II
- Doctoral Experience Orientation and Preparation I
- Level I Fieldwork in Occupational Therapy A
- Clinical Practice in OT III: Pediatrics
- Professional & Contextual Issues in OT Practice IV: Populations
- Research in Action III
- Clinical Practice in OT IV: Adult
- Doctoral Project
- Doctoral Experience Orientation and Preparation II
- Level I Fieldwork in Occupational Therapy C
- Essentials of OT Practice IV: Community, Health & Wellness
- Research in Action IV
- Level I Fieldwork in Occupational Therapy B
- Essentials of OT Practice III: Theories, Context & Evidence
- Clinical Practice in OT V: Geriatrics
- Essentials of OT Practice V: Mgmt. & Leadership
- Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork A
- Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork B
- Doctoral Capstone: Experience
- Doctoral Capstone: Project



# Wellness and Health Promotion to Doctor of Occupational Therapy 3+3 Pathway

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The University of Findlay offers a 3+3 Wellness and Health Promotion to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program path. After 3 years of undergraduate coursework, students will apply to the OTD Program. Once admitted, students complete the first two modules of the OTD curriculum and earn a bachelor's degree in Wellness and Health Promotion. Students will continue coursework to earn a doctoral degree in occupational therapy.

A major in wellness and health promotion consists of an interdisciplinary program of study in which students will implement health assessments and wellness programs. The degree promotes scholarly inquiry and cultivates professionals capable of assisting others in developing self-responsibility for their own health and wellness through healthy, active lifestyles.

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# Wellness and Health Promotion to Doctor of Occupational Therapy

## Sample Curriculum

### Year One

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
General Psychology (C) (M) (P)	3 hrs	Alcohol and Other Drugs (M)	3 hrs
Applied Mathematical Analysis (C)*	3 hrs	Integrated Statistical Analysis (C) (P)	4 hrs
An Integrated Approach to Science (C)*	3 hrs	Intro to Sociology (P)	3 hrs
Intro to Health Professions (C) (M)	1 hr	Creative Writing (C)*	3 hrs
College Writing II	3 hrs	First Aid and Care of Athletic Injuries (M)	2 hrs
Wellness: Strategies for Life (M)	3 hrs	Minor Course	3 hrs

### Year Two

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions I & Lab (M) (P)	4 hrs	Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions II & Lab (M) (P)	4 hrs
Intro to Culture: Bridging Differences (C)*	3 hrs	Lifespan Development (P)	3 hrs
Intro to Writing for the Sciences (C)*	3 hrs	Conceptual Physics (C)	4 hrs
Digital Literacy for the Sciences (C)*	3 hrs	Principles of Speech (C)*	3 hrs
Minor Course	3 hrs	Educational Strategies in Health Professions (M)	3 hrs
Intro to Exercise Technique (M)	1 hr		

### Year Three

Fall Semester <i>Apply for OTD Program</i>		Spring Semester	
Structural Anatomy (M)	3 hrs	Biomechanics (M)	3 hrs
Physiology of Exercise (M)	3 hrs	Adapted Physical Education (M)	3 hrs
Human Nutrition (M)	3 hrs	Health Care Ethics (C) or	
Intro to Philosophy (C)*	3 hrs	Psychology of Aging (C)	3 hrs
Community & School Health Ed (C) (M)	3 hrs	Medical Terminology (M) (P)	3 hrs
Experiential Learning in HHP (M) (C)	3 hrs	Research Methods in HHP (M)	3 hrs
		Abnormal Psychology (P)	3 hrs

### Year Four

Summer Semester (OTD Curriculum)		Fall Semester (OTD Curriculum)	
Conceptual Foundations of OT	3 hrs	Health Conditions & Occupational Performance	3 hrs
Analysis of Human Occupation	2 hrs	Analysis & Assessment of Contextual Movement	3 hrs
Human Anatomical Structures	3 hrs	Clinical Practice in OT I: Concepts, Philosophy & Client Centered Care	4 hrs
		Research in Occupational Therapy	3 hrs

* = Recommended	M = Major
P = OTD Program Prerequisite	C = Core

### Professional Curriculum Courses

- Clinical Practice in OT II: Biopsychosocial
- Evidence Based Practice
- Neuroscience
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# Exercise Science for Health Professions to Doctor of Occupational Therapy

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Exercise science is an interdisciplinary field focused on the study of maintaining and improving the health of patients and clients across the lifespan. The Exercise Science for Health Professions (EXSC) Program is designed to prepare undergraduate students for entry into a wide variety of disciplines, particularly health professions graduate programs. Our curriculum places a high emphasis on comprehensive biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and anatomy courses, giving students the foundational knowledge required to excel at the graduate level in healthcare professions.

The University of Findlay has created a clear path from the EXSC Program to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program with research and experiential learning opportunities that directly relate to occupational therapy. In four years, students studying exercise science will earn a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science for Health Professions and may go on to pursue a doctoral degree in occupational therapy which is a three-year program. A doctoral degree in occupational therapy prepares students to not only practice occupational therapy, but also fulfill leadership roles and advanced positions in the field.

## Evidence of Excellence

**Variety of Electives** - Choose electives that align with your future interests. Course topics offered include: exercise physiology, biomechanics and motor control, rehabilitation fields or exercise science related research.

**Experiential Learning** - Participate in laboratory coursework centered around exercise and sports science areas, including biomechanics and exercise physiology.

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# Exercise Science to OTD Sample Curriculum

## Year 1

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### Fall Semester

General Chemistry I w/ lab+	4 hrs
Pre-Calculus+	4 hrs
College Writing II	3 hrs
Wellness: Strategies for Life+	2 hrs
Introduction to Health Professions+	1 hr

### Spring Semester

General Chemistry II w/ lab	4 hrs
Medical Terminology*	3 hrs
General Psychology*	3 hrs
Introduction to Sociology*	3 hrs
Introduction to Exercise Technique	1 hr

## Year 2

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### Fall Semester

Anatomy & Physiology I w/ lab*	4 hrs
Integrated Statistics*	3 hrs
Exercise Science Elective	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

Anatomy & Physiology II w/ lab*	4 hrs
Lifespan Development*	3 hrs
Exercise Science Elective	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs

## Year 3

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### Fall Semester

General Physics I w/ lab+*	4 hrs
Abnormal Psychology*	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs
Physiology of Exercise	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

General Physics II w/ lab	4 hrs
Biomechanics	3 hrs
Perceptual Motor Development & Learning	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs
Research in Health and Human Performance	3 hrs

## Year 4

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### Fall Semester

Research in Health & Human Performance	3 hrs
Human Nutrition	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs
Minor, Second Major, or Prerequisite	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

Experiential Learning in Health & Human Performance+	3 hrs
Exercise Science Elective	3 hrs
CORE+ Elective	3 hrs
Minor, Second Major, or Prerequisite	3 hrs

\*Indicates the required OTD Program prerequisite courses.

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## Early Assurance

High school seniors have the option to apply for Early Assurance which holds a seat for them in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program while they complete their bachelor's degree at the University of Findlay. Students will receive a supplemental early assurance application if granted undergraduate admission and the following criteria are met:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- 24 or higher on the ACT or 1180 or higher on the SAT

For more information regarding the early assurance requirements, please visit [www.findlay.edu/OTD](http://www.findlay.edu/OTD).



# Psychology to Doctor of Occupational Therapy

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From the beginning of time, humans have been fascinated with why and how people behave the way they do. Psychologists, through interactions and their research, seek to answer these questions and apply their findings to help people describe, predict and change their own and others' cognitive, emotional and physical behaviors.

The University of Findlay has created a clear path from the Psychology Program to the College of Health Profession's Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program (OTD) with research and experiential learning opportunities that directly relate to occupational therapy. In four years, students will earn a bachelor's degree in psychology and may go on to pursue a doctoral degree in occupational therapy which is a three-year program. A doctoral degree in occupational therapy prepares students to not only practice occupational therapy, but also fulfill leadership roles and advanced positions in the field.

**Our program blends strong science and applied courses that prepare students for work or graduate study.**

- Provides access to numerous labs dedicated to research in the psychological sciences
- Provides opportunities for joint research study with faculty members
- Allows students to complete credit hours of experiential learning that is customized to their personal interests
- Offers a psychology major that can be combined with minors to broaden skills and career opportunities

## Evidence of Excellence

**Flexible Career Paths** - Available with 56 recognized sub-disciplines of psychology leading to a wide variety of career opportunities.

**Graduate School Preparation** - Findlay has an entire course dedicated to preparing students for the graduate school application process.

**Present Research** - Students have the opportunity to present their results at both national and regional conferences.

**90 Hours of Internships** - The Psychology Program offers many learning opportunities that include work experience through internships.

**The undergraduate major in psychology emphasizes:**

- Critical thinking
- Positive interaction with others
- Communication
- Analyzing
- Writing
- Synthesizing



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## Psychology Sample Curriculum

### Psychology Core Required Courses (32 credit hours required)

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General Psychology+	3 hrs	Community-Urban Field Experiences	2 hrs
Orientation to Psychology	1 hr	Cognitive Psychology	3 hrs
Lifespan Development	3 hrs	Brain and Behavior	3 hrs
Abnormal Psychology	3 hrs	Research Methods II: Experimentation	4 hrs
Social Psychology	3 hrs	Senior Capstone Seminar+	3 hrs
Research Methods I: Design and Analysis	4 hrs		

### Psychology Elective Courses (15 credit hours required)

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Health Psychology	3 hrs	History of Psychology	3 hrs
Studies in Behavior	2 to 4 hrs	Evolutionary Psychology	3 hrs
Readings in Psychology	1 to 3 hrs	Sensation and Perception	3 hrs
Animal Behavior	3 hrs	Child and Adolescent Development	3 hrs
Theories of Personality	3 hrs	Advanced Topics in Psychology	2 to 4 hrs
Clinical Psychology	3 hrs	Seminar	1 to 4 hrs
Applied Sport Psychology	3 hrs	Psychological Research*	variable hrs

### Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program Prerequisites

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- Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology w/ Lab  
OR Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions I w/  
Lab AND Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions II w/ Lab
- Conceptual Physics w/ Lab
- Medical Terminology
- General Psychology
- Lifespan Development
- Abnormal Psychology
- Integrated Statistical Analysis OR Applied Statistics & Data Analysis OR Applied Statistics
- Introduction to Sociology

\*Indicates the courses covered in the psychology curriculum.

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### Early Assurance

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- Minimum overall GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- 24 or higher on the ACT or 1180 or higher on the SAT

In order to maintain early assurance candidacy status, students will be required to:

- Meet with an identified OT advisor once per semester to ensure that the student maintains the requirements of the Early Assurance Program.
- Have all OTD Program prerequisites completed by the end of their senior year.
- Complete and submit the intent to enroll application and the OT advisor verification of status during the application cycle prior to their intended start date.

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# Social Work to Doctor of Occupational Therapy

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Regardless of the work setting, social workers help to improve the quality of life for clients. Social work is a diverse and challenging profession whose practitioners are found in a variety of settings. The Social Work Program will expose you to the knowledge, values and skills that comprise the foundation of the social work profession. The undergraduate major in social work emphasizes social service policy, human behavior in social environments, social work methods, and research.

The University of Findlay has created a clear path from the Social Work Program to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program with coursework, research and experiential learning opportunities that directly relate to occupational therapy. In four years, students studying social work earn a bachelor's degree in social work and may apply to go on to pursue a degree in occupational therapy, which is a three-year program. A doctoral degree in occupational therapy prepares students to not only practice occupational therapy, but also fulfill leadership roles and advanced positions in the field.

## Program Highlights

Internships arranged with help from faculty members are built into the social work course structure, helping you gain experience in a variety of settings.

Social work students have an 89 percent pass rate on the licensure exam and are able to meet all requirements to obtain that professional licensure immediately upon graduation.

## Early Assurance

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# Social Work to Doctor of Occupational Therapy Sample Curriculum

## Year One

+Indicates courses that fulfill CORE+ general education requirements.

### Fall Semester

Intro to Social Work+	3 hrs
College Writing I	3 hrs
Political Science, History or Public Admin.+	3 hrs
General Psychology+	3 hrs
Principles of Speech+	3 hrs
Intermediate Mathematics	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

Contemporary Social Problems+	3 hrs
College Writing II	3 hrs
Human Diversity in America or Ethnicity+	3 hrs
Intro to Health Professions	1 hr
Practical Perspectives in Math+	3 hrs
Lifespan Development	3 hrs

## Year Two

### Fall Semester

Field Placement I+	4 hrs
Writing and Literature+	3 hrs
Intro to Philosophy+	3 hrs
Elementary Statistics	3 hrs
Abnormal Psychology	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

Intro to Economical Thinking+	3 hrs
Elective+	3 hrs
Intro to Anatomy & Physiology+	3 hrs
Research Methods I: Design & Analysis	4 hrs
Intro to Computers+	3 hrs

## Year 3

### Fall Semester

Human Behavior I	3 hrs
Social Policy	3 hrs
Elective	3 hrs
Research Methods II: Experimentation	4 hrs
Conceptual Physics w/Lab	4 hrs

### Spring Semester

Human Behavior II	3 hrs
Social Work Practice I	3 hrs
Interviewing Skills	2 hrs
Brain and Behavior	3 hrs
Psychological Research	3 hrs
Cognitive Psychology	3 hrs

## Year 4

### Fall Semester

Social Work Practice II	3 hrs
Social Work Practice III	3 hrs
Sensation and Perception	3 hrs
Psychological Research	3 hrs
Medical Terminology	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

Field Instruction II	12 hrs
Research Project	3 hrs
Integrative Seminar	3 hrs

## Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program Prerequisites

- BIOL 201 & BIOL 201L Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology w/ Lab  
OR  
BIOL 222 & BIOL 222L Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions I w/ Lab  
AND  
BIOL 223 & BIOL 223L Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions II w/ Lab
- PHYS 150 & PHYS 150L Conceptual Physics w/ Lab
- ANHS 220 Medical Terminology
- PSYC 100 General Psychology
- PSYC 208 Lifespan Development
- PSYC 233 Abnormal Psychology
- MATH 221 Integrated Statistical Analysis  
OR  
MATH 223 Applied Statistics & Data Analysis  
OR  
BSLA 314 Applied Statistics
- SOCI 105 Introduction to Sociology



# Intervention Specialist Education to Doctor of Occupational Therapy

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Occupational therapists can help children develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination, learn basic tasks, maintain positive behaviors, and improve focus and social skills. Working with children who have physical, sensory, or cognitive disabilities is a highly rewarding field that requires a unique skillset. To more easily acquire this set of skills, the University of Findlay offers a clear path from the College of Education's Intervention Specialist Mild to Moderate Program to the College of Health Profession's Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program.

In four years, students earn a bachelor's degree in intervention specialist education and then go on to pursue the three-year doctoral degree in occupational therapy. The pathway curriculum includes the OTD prerequisites as well as education courses that cover teaching methodologies and instructional practices for students with special needs. Students learn how to creatively work with children of all ages through intervention specialist field experiences and earn licensure as a K-12 intervention specialist.

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## *Evidence of Excellence*

The College of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Experiential Learning - Students will be placed in classrooms each year of the program and supervised by clinical faculty holding an Intervention Specialist teaching license.



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# Intervention Specialist Education to OTD Sample Curriculum

## Year One

### Fall Semester

• Oiler Experience for Education Majors	1 hr
• Teaching as a Profession	3 hrs
• Inclusion & Collaboration Issues for Educators	3 hrs
• Principles of Speech +	3 hrs
• Digital Literacy for Educators +	3 hrs
• General Psychology * +	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

• Phonics & Foundations of Literacy	3 hrs
• Technology Integration: Instructional Strategies	3 hrs
• College Writing I	3 hrs
• Introduction to Philosophy +	3 hrs
• Applied Statistics & Data Analysis *	3 hrs
• Lifespan Development *	3 hrs

## Year Two

### Fall Semester

• Emergent Literacy: Learning to Read	3 hrs
• Growth & Development	3 hrs
• Pre-Professional Block	3 hrs
• Implications of Brain Research	3 hrs
• Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions I w/ Lab *	4 hrs
• Writing & Literature +	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

• S.T.E.M. Concepts Through Children's & Early Adolescent Literature	3 hrs
• Ethnicity +	3 hrs
• Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professions II w/ Lab*	4 hrs
• Oceanus +	3 hrs
• Creative Drama +	3 hrs
• Abnormal Psychology *	3 hrs

## Year Three

### Fall Semester

• Families of Children w/ Special Needs	3 hrs
• Implications of Mild/Moderate Exceptionalities for Curriculum	3 hrs
• Collaboration & Consultation for the Intervention Specialist	3 hrs
• Integrated Math Methods/Curriculum	3 hrs
• Integrated Language Arts Methods/Curriculum	3 hrs
• Medical Terminology *	3 hrs

### Spring Semester

• Junior/Methods Field Experience	3 hrs
• Literacy w/ Special Needs Populations	3 hrs
• Content Reading: Learning to Read	3 hrs
• Curriculum Considerations & Teaching Strategies	3 hrs
• Assessment & Intervention	3 hrs
• Social Skill Development & Positive Behavior Supports	3 hrs

## Year Four

### Fall Semester

• Daily Living Skills, Vocational Education & Transition	3 hrs
• Integrating Reading Assessments & Instruction	3 hrs
• Introduction to Sociology *	3 hrs
• Topics in Social Work +	3 hrs
• Conceptual Physics w/ Lab*+	4 hrs

### Spring Semester

• Senior Internship/Student Teaching	9 hrs
• Capstone Seminar for Intervention Specialist +	3 hrs
• CORE+ Elective +	3 hrs
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# Your Career as an Occupational Therapist...

## What are Your Possibilities?

Take a look at these websites to view just a sample of what you could be doing.

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- OT Practice: Pediatrics  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY\\_JKPt7spc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY_JKPt7spc)
- Best Careers 2019: OT Job Description  
<https://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/occupational-therapist>
- A Day in the Life - Occupational Therapist  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ℓ9idxN2-Lp8>
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SEARCH The University of Findlay Occupational Therapy Program
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Resources for students  
from The American  
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# Your career in Occupational Therapy

## Consider Becoming an Occupational Therapist

**Y**oung or old, we all have a job to do—the job of living. Learning, growing, playing, working, managing our homes, and caring for our families are among the “occupations” of life.

Unfortunately, physical, emotional, or other challenges often prevent people from fully participating in the job of living. Disease, injury, depression, or developmental problems can make it difficult for people to do everyday tasks or be active and independent.

Occupational therapy—a vibrant, growing profession—makes it possible for people to achieve independence and to enjoy life to its fullest. By choosing a career in occupational therapy, you will make a difference! You will be able to improve the lives of people, from newborns to the very old.

Students today can look forward to dynamic careers working in multiple settings with people of all ages. And the employment outlook for occupational therapists is bright! Recent information published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos078.htm>) has projected that the job outlook for occupational therapists will improve substantially in the next several years and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Specifically, it states that “employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase much faster than the average for all occupations through 2014,” meaning that employment is expected to increase by 27% or more.

One of the greatest advantages of a career in occupational therapy is the wide variety of opportunities available to occupational therapy graduates. Many practitioners choose to help children thrive in the “occupations” of childhood, which include learning, playing, and growing. Therapists work in schools with students who have learning disabilities or behavioral problems. Others work with premature newborns at pediatric hospitals or children with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and other disabilities.

Occupational therapists also work with individuals in their homes, community centers, rehabilitation hospitals, businesses, and nursing homes. In these settings, occupational therapists help people with traumatic injuries, stroke, Alzheimer’s disease, or mental health problems, learn to live productive lives through the use of meaningful occupations.

Those who join the field today may choose other areas of practice that are increasingly important. These new specialties include training workers to use proper ergonomics on the job, helping people with low vision maintain their independence, making buildings and homes more accessible, older driver evaluation and training, and promoting health and wellness.

Occupational therapy is a career for individuals who care about people and have a desire to learn, achieve, and contribute their best to society and the profession!

If you have specific questions about a career in occupational therapy, please contact [educate@aota.org](mailto:educate@aota.org).

Visit [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org) for more information about the profession and the activities of the American Occupational Therapy Association.



The American Occupational Therapy Association

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADAPTIVE LIVING HOME

The University of Findlay's Occupational Therapy Program is committed to providing learning opportunities for occupational therapy students, community agencies, healthcare professionals and outreach to individuals living in the community. . The focus is on home modifications and technologies necessary for anyone needing assistance with the occupations of everyday living.

## PURPOSES OF OT HOME

### I. Education

The Occupational Therapy Home is a hands-on learning experience for occupational therapy students. The students gain knowledge and skills for older individuals through adapting homes and using assistive devices.

### II. Research

Resources such as occupational therapy materials and journals are in the house for student use. Research projects regarding older adult independence and performance are studied by occupational therapy students. The OT Home offers the opportunity for students to study home modification and assistive devices.

### III. Outreach

The occupational therapy faculty and students at The University of Findlay also offer outreach to teach the community on various topics including:

- Aging in Place
- Home Modification
- Adaptive Equipment
- Life Skills Training

## TARGETED AUDIENCES

- Occupational Therapy students
- Clients of all ages
- Caregivers
- Health Professionals

## SERVICES

- Assessment, evaluation and intervention
- Opportunity to view and try out assistive technology
- Information on home modifications
- Information on home safety
- Assistive devices for independence
- Educational programs
- Research projects
- Grant writing



## KEY IDEAS

### Aging in Place

"Aging in place" is defined as growing older without having to move from one's current place of residence, in order to secure necessary support services in response to changing needs.

- Some 70% of seniors spend the rest of their life in the place where they celebrated their 65th birthday.

### Universal Design

The design of products and environments to be used by everyone with-out the need for adaptation.

- The intent of universal design is to simplify life for everyone by making products, communications, and the environment more usable for everyone at little or no extra cost. Universal design benefits people of all ages and abilities.

The information provided includes the results of the 2023 AOTA Salary and Workforce Survey which asked questions about the 2022 calendar work year. With more than 11,500 responses, this is the most comprehensive data for workforce, salary, and benefits known to AOTA. The survey was distributed via email to everyone who had opted in to receive AOTA communications (including members, former members, and nonmembers). Although this is the most comprehensive data available, caution should be used when interpreting the results to avoid over generalization. AOTA members can get a free customized report based on the responses to the survey by visiting [www.aota.org/VANITY\\_URL](http://www.aota.org/VANITY_URL). A more detailed description of methods is also available at this link.

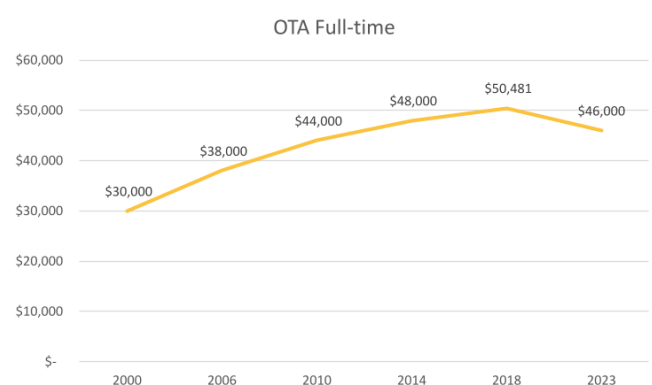
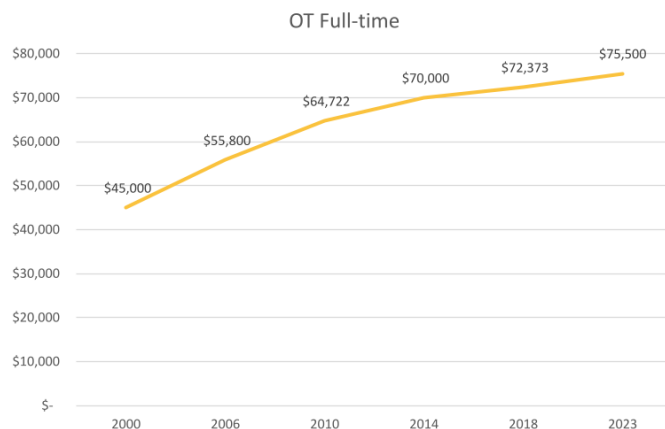
## Salary by Region

Salaries vary by region of the country. This may be a factor of cost of living as well as supply and demand.

For OTs, Pacific states have the highest median salary. For OTAs, other states and territories have the highest median salary followed very closely by Pacific states.

	Region	10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Median	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	% of Each License
OT	East North Central	\$36,880	\$58,000	<b>\$72,000</b>	\$85,000	\$100,000	20.95%
	East South Central	\$43,000	\$60,836	<b>\$75,000</b>	\$90,000	\$105,270	4.25%
	Middle Atlantic	\$45,000	\$63,000	<b>\$79,809</b>	\$94,186	\$110,000	13.05%
	Mountain	\$30,500	\$60,125	<b>\$79,250</b>	\$93,875	\$114,000	6.63%
	New England	\$42,000	\$62,000	<b>\$76,000</b>	\$92,000	\$105,900	6.90%
	Pacific	\$40,000	\$70,000	<b>\$88,000</b>	\$108,000	\$124,840	10.13%
	South Atlantic	\$36,000	\$60,000	<b>\$78,000</b>	\$92,000	\$107,000	15.36%
	West North Central	\$40,000	\$60,000	<b>\$73,000</b>	\$87,000	\$100,000	11.53%
West South Central	\$32,000	\$61,000	<b>\$76,291</b>	\$92,000	\$109,700	11.21%	
OTA	East North Central	\$12,898	\$30,000	<b>\$45,000</b>	\$54,000	\$64,000	20.95%
	East South Central	\$5,800	\$30,000	<b>\$43,000</b>	\$55,000	\$62,600	4.25%
	Middle Atlantic	\$6,000	\$32,650	<b>\$49,000</b>	\$62,700	\$72,000	13.05%
	Mountain	\$16,780	\$38,000	<b>\$54,500</b>	\$65,000	\$75,000	6.63%
	New England	\$25,600	\$38,000	<b>\$48,000</b>	\$54,500	\$71,600	6.90%
	Pacific	\$15,000	\$40,000	<b>\$54,000</b>	\$65,000	\$80,000	10.13%
	South Atlantic	\$9,200	\$33,815	<b>\$48,600</b>	\$60,000	\$70,520	15.36%
	West North Central	\$17,300	\$35,000	<b>\$45,000</b>	\$55,000	\$63,977	11.53%
West South Central	\$10,700	\$36,990	<b>\$50,039</b>	\$65,000	\$75,000	11.21%	

## Salary Over Time: Full-time



The median salary for full-time OTs continues to trend higher. However, for OTAs the median salary has decreased. The OT median salary in 2023 is \$75,500 and for OTAs is \$46,000.



# Trends in Salary by Practice Area

Academia continues to have the highest median salary for OTs and OTAs. For OTs, mental health and other innovative or emerging settings settings saw the largest increase from 2018. The largest increase for OTAs was in academia with decreases in other innovative or emerging settings, hospitals, and early intervention / school.

	Setting	2023	2018	2014	2010	2006	2000
OT	Academia	\$90,000	\$83,000	\$77,000	\$70,060	\$66,000	\$53,000
	Community	\$78,000	\$70,860	\$67,000	\$68,000	\$58,250	\$43,062
	Home Health		\$83,200	\$76,000	\$68,000	\$55,000	\$45,000
	Free-standing Outpatient	\$75,000	\$67,600	\$65,000	\$64,000	\$57,000	\$50,000
	Hospital	\$79,000	\$72,000	\$68,000	\$64,480	\$58,000	\$46,000
	Long-Term Care / Skilled Nursing Facility	\$78,000	\$76,960	\$73,000	\$70,000	\$58,000	\$46,000
	Mental Health	\$78,000	\$71,000	\$69,000	\$65,000	\$53,750	\$45,000
	Early Intervention	\$70,000	\$63,000	\$60,000	\$59,850	-	-
	School		\$76,000	\$70,000	\$67,122	\$62,000	-
	Other Innovative or Emerging Setting	\$80,000	\$68,016	\$61,000	\$58,201	\$50,500	\$42,000

OTA	Academia	\$68,000	\$62,250	\$61,500	\$52,000	\$46,000	\$37,000
	Community	\$45,000	\$49,514	\$49,000	\$44,000	\$35,000	-
	Home Health		\$43,680	\$39,500	\$35,000	-	-
	Free-standing Outpatient	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$43,200	\$41,800	\$32,000	\$30,000
	Hospital	\$46,000	\$53,248	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$45,000	\$40,000
	Long-Term Care /Skilled Nursing Facility	\$50,750	\$48,266	\$43,000	\$42,000	\$41,000	\$31,053
	Mental Health	\$53,500	\$52,780	\$50,000	\$48,942	\$40,000	\$30,000
	Early Intervention	\$41,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$43,500	\$39,000	\$24,500
	School		\$44,616	\$39,000	\$41,592	\$41,500	-
	Other Innovative or Emerging Setting	\$48,416	\$49,920	\$36,000	\$34,000	\$31,075	\$27,500

# Salary by Experience

In general, more experience in the field of occupational therapy is associated with a higher salary.

Small sample size contributes to some inconsistency in the lower and upper percentile ranges.

	Experience in OT	10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Median	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	% of Each License
OT	0-1 Years	\$13,897	\$40,000	\$61,000	\$72,092	\$82,000	6%
	2 Years	\$40,200	\$57,000	\$67,000	\$75,000	\$85,000	5%
	3-4 Years	\$45,266	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$79,000	\$88,000	9%
	5-6 Years	\$45,000	\$61,000	\$73,000	\$83,000	\$93,600	8%
	7-9 Years	\$44,972	\$62,000	\$75,000	\$88,000	\$100,000	11%
	10-14 Years	\$42,000	\$62,000	\$79,000	\$91,000	\$105,000	14%
	15-20 Years	\$40,000	\$64,000	\$82,000	\$98,125	\$115,440	12%
	21-25 Years	\$45,000	\$68,000	\$84,000	\$98,000	\$115,000	12%
	26+ Years	\$34,000	\$65,000	\$85,000	\$102,000	\$121,000	23%
	Overall						100%
OTA	0-1 Years	\$3,100	\$11,750	\$33,500	\$48,000	\$58,120	6%
	2 Years	\$22,000	\$33,000	\$43,100	\$50,000	\$57,100	7%
	3-4 Years	\$12,822	\$30,000	\$44,000	\$55,000	\$69,000	10%
	5-6 Years	\$10,431	\$32,750	\$45,875	\$55,000	\$65,468	13%
	7-9 Years	\$25,000	\$37,000	\$49,000	\$57,000	\$68,000	13%
	10-14 Years	\$10,000	\$36,000	\$48,000	\$60,000	\$73,000	17%
	15-20 Years	\$4,600	\$33,099	\$47,000	\$64,000	\$76,000	10%
	21-25 Years	\$25,300	\$41,825	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$77,000	11%
	26+ Years	\$19,888	\$38,000	\$54,000	\$68,000	\$78,000	14%
	Overall						100%