

The Program in Occupational Therapy

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Ranked as a
#3 OT program
in the nation

U.S. News & World Report, 2020



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Primary and joint
appointment

FACULTY



MORE THAN
500

Fieldwork sites
nationwide



100%
PASS RATE

on NBCOT certification
exam since 2016

The Program in Occupational Therapy offers:

- Comprehensive degree options:
 - Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)
 - Clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
 - Joint Degree Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)/Master of Public Health (MPH)
 - Online Post-Professional Clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD)
 - PhD in Rehabilitation and Participation Science
- Curriculum that has diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and anti-racism at its core and bridges biomedical, public health and sociocultural perspectives
- Research-oriented environment: learning from top clinicians and scientists in health care
- Outstanding faculty, world-class medical center
- Individualized attention with low student-to-faculty ratio
- Contemporary teaching methods that focus on evidence-based, interprofessional, active and engaged learning experiences
- Culture that values diversity and innovation
- History of success training leaders and lifelong learners
- On-site doctoral capstone learning opportunities in research, education, clinical program development or advanced practice

 **Washington**
University in St. Louis
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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About

The Program in Occupational Therapy at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis is ranked as a top three occupational therapy program in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Located in the heart of the Midwest, the program offers the finest in occupational therapy education and patient care, all built on a strong foundation of innovative practice and research.

Faculty

- 34 primary appointed faculty
- 15 joint appointed faculty (MDs, PTs, PhDs, MPH)

Faculty Honors

- Academy of Research, American Occupational Therapy Foundation
- Academy of Science, St. Louis, Missouri
- Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lecturer, American Occupational Therapy Association
- Roster of Fellows, American Occupational Therapy Association

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Directed Scholarship

A key component of our educational program is the opportunity to learn and grow under the guidance of a mentor. Doctoral students are matched to a mentor for the directed scholarly experience. Examples of scholarly experiences offered:

- Aging and community practice
- Cognitive and occupational performance
- Community reintegration after stroke
- Disability and community participation research
- Driving and community mobility
- Enabling mobility in the community
- Family caregiving
- Growth and occupational well-being of youth
- Health equity, opportunity and education
- Innovations in education
- Low vision and aging
- Maternal health
- Medication adherence
- Neuroscience and rehabilitation
- Participation, environment and performance
- Sleep, mood and cognition
- Social exclusion

The Program in Occupational Therapy is accredited 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.

Graduates of the Program are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for occupational therapists which is administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), located at One Bank Street, Suite 300, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878. NBCOT's phone number is (301) 990-7979 and its web address is www.nbcot.org.

A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification exam or attain state licensure.

Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission, financial aid and employment. The University does not discriminate in access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability or genetic information. Inquiries about compliance should be addressed to the University's Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, Washington University, Campus Box 1184, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130. The School of Medicine is committed to recruiting, enrolling and educating a diverse student body.

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Student profile



**Lexi Hanson,
OTD/S '25**

Hometown: St. Louis, MO
Undergraduate degree:
BA in psychological and brain
sciences, Washington University
in St. Louis

What is your definition of OT?

OT means something different to everyone, which is what I love about the profession. I believe OT means helping people participate in the activities that they find meaningful and allowing them to feel the best they can, physically, mentally and emotionally. OT facilitates making a difference and changing the way people view and engage in their lives.

Why did you choose the OTD degree?

Earning an OTD degree is a great opportunity that I believe is the best choice for me. It is a full circle for me and allows me to give back to a community that helped me when I was younger.

What are your career goals?

My goals are evolving! After practicing clinically as an occupational therapist, a possible long-term goal is advocating for children's rights and becoming involved in OT policy.

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