

SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Graduate Degrees Offered

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Entry) (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/doctor-occupational-therapy-otd-entry/>)
- Ph.D. in Occupational Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/occupational-therapy-phd/>)

Occupational therapy is a healthcare profession whose members work to foster full participation in everyday life for persons with physical, cognitive, emotional, or societal restrictions. Occupational therapy is based on the premise that engagement in real-life activities in prescribed areas with specific goals promotes health and wellness. The School of Occupational Therapy at Texas Woman's University offers graduate-level training and education for persons seeking to initiate or expand a career in occupational therapy. The School is home to 29 full-time faculty members and over 7,500 alumni and encompasses a Texas-wide network of professionals dedicated to the advancement of high-quality, evidence-based occupational therapy practice. The occupational therapy programs are available at the main campus of Texas Woman's University in Denton, the T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences in Dallas, and the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dr. Sophie Lin Rydin School of Occupational Therapy in Houston. Specific online components supplement traditional classroom learning. At each location, courses are conducted in classrooms and laboratories specially equipped to enhance student learning. Lecture and laboratory learning experiences are provided by experienced occupational therapy faculty, occupational therapy practitioners, and other health care providers. TWU offers degree programs leading to an entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree and a Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy.

Overview of Degrees Offered in Occupational Therapy

The entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/doctor-occupational-therapy-otd-entry/>) (O.T.D.) degree is a professional degree that prepares students with baccalaureate degrees in other fields to become occupational therapists. The curriculum is taught in Denton, Dallas, and Houston. Doctor of Occupational Therapy students complete all courses at one of these sites.

The entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/doctor-occupational-therapy-otd-entry/>) (O.T.D.) program is accredited by the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE, c/o the AOTA Accreditation Department, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852-4929, www.acoteonline.org). Graduates of the program will be eligible to apply for the certification examination given by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (<http://www.nbcot.org>). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). *Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.*

The Doctor of Philosophy (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/occupational-therapy-phd/>) (Ph.D.) degree is a post-professional graduate program for occupational therapists who desire to develop skills for advanced academic and research pursuits. The Ph.D. in Occupational Therapy is offered via online and on-campus learning experiences in Dallas and Houston.