

Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Length of Program which includes all student instruction/interaction (including classroom, laboratory, exams, and clinical education):

- Length of Program in Months: **33**
- Length of Program in Weeks excluding breaks: **112**
- Length of Program in Weeks including breaks: **142**

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from the entry-level OTD program, students must successfully complete all required coursework (78 credits) earning a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and no individual course grade below a B-. Students must also successfully complete two, 12-week Fieldwork II experiences (16 credits total) and a 14-week Doctoral Capstone Experience & Project (10 credits) as evaluated by the fieldwork supervisor, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, Doctoral Capstone Coordinator and/or faculty mentor. Additionally, students are required to: 1) maintain student professional liability insurance and current CPR certification throughout the program, 2) successfully pass a national background check on an annual basis and 3) adhere to the AOTA code of ethics at all times (https://research.aota.org/ajot/article/74/Supplement_3/7413410005p1/6691/AOTA-2020-Occupational-Therapy-Code-of-Ethics).

Clinical Education

Each OTD student will participate in 4 level 1 fieldwork experiences during their 1st and 2nd years in the program. These primarily will be either on-campus or in the greater Missoula area. Additionally, each OTD student will complete two, 12-week level II fieldwork experiences and one, 14-week doctoral capstone experience & project. Students are not required to complete a clinical or capstone experience outside of Missoula. However, due to the limited number of clinical and capstone sites, most of our students have at least one clinical &/or capstone experience outside of Missoula. Students are responsible for travel, housing and living expenses related to clinical &/or capstone education, and costs may vary depending on location and length of each experience.

Student Costs

Please visit the University of Montana Business Services site for continuously updated information on tuition and fees- <https://www.umt.edu/business-services/students/tuition-and-fees/default.php>

Note: These are costs experienced by students in the 2023-2024 academic year. Tuition and fees are established by the Montana Board of Regents. Annual costs are estimates and subject to change or increases at any time. Students should contact the program or the UM Business Services office for further information related to costs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Annual Tuition Public Institution, In-state Student:	\$8,599	\$9,460	\$5,970	\$24,029
Annual Tuition Public Institution, Out-of-state student:	\$38,877.40	\$42,708.40	\$27,077.00	\$108,662.80
Total expected annual institutional fees in relation to course credits taken (Includes general institutional fees, i.e., recreation, etc.)	\$3,058	\$3,320	\$2,312	\$8,690
Total expected cost of other program- related expenses (Includes: required texts, laboratory fees, and other program costs for the entire technical program)	\$7504	\$7220	\$7220	\$21,944
Total Cost of the Program In-state (Includes: tuition, fees, other program costs for the entire program – does NOT include health insurance)	\$19,161	\$20,000	\$15,502	\$54,663
Total Cost Out-of-state: (Includes: tuition, fees, other program costs for the entire program – does NOT include health insurance)	\$49,439.40	\$52,248.40	\$36,609.00	\$139,296.80

Note: Students are encouraged to explore the cost of living for areas where they may choose to live. One possible website: <https://livingwage.mit.edu/>

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The UM OTD Program is a part of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's (WICHE) Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) for more information please visit the <https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/psep/whats-a-psep-award-worth/>.