

THE SCHOOL OF Speech, Language, Hearing, & Occupational Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

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: **141**

Clinical Education

Each OTD student will participate in 4 level I 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 2025-2026 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:	\$9,512	\$10,496	\$6,560	\$26,568
Annual Tuition Public Institution, Out-of-state student:	\$42,137	\$46,496	\$29,060	\$117,693
Total expected annual institutional fees in relation to course credits taken (Includes general institutional fees, i.e., recreation, etc.)	\$3,752	\$4,050	\$2,660	\$10,462
Total expected cost of the program fee	\$7369	\$7516	\$7516	\$22,401
Total Cost of the Program In-state (Includes: tuition, fees, other program costs for the entire program – does NOT include health insurance)	\$20,633	\$22,062	\$16,736	\$59,431
Total Cost Out-of-state: (Includes: tuition, fees, other program costs for the entire program – does NOT include health insurance)	\$53,976	\$58,840	\$39,728	\$152,544

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/>

WICHE

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/>.

PSEP funding is provided by the student's home state and reduces tuition.