The Ohio State University’s graduate Occupational Therapy Program was established in 1942. The program features exceptional faculty, students, and clinical sites to help it attain its position as the top-ranked program in Ohio and the 15th ranked program in the Nation.

If you are interested in learning more about our program, learn more about Occupational Therapy, or find our prerequisites, please visit our website [http://hrs.osu.edu/ot/](http://hrs.osu.edu/ot/) or email Jaclyn Poulos at hrsgraduateservices@osumc.edu. The division is a dynamic part of one of the leading academic medical centers in the nation.

Occupational Therapy is a healthcare profession that makes it possible for people to achieve their highest quality of life and to help clients live life to its fullest. By choosing a career in occupational therapy, you will make a difference in people’s lives.

Occupational therapists work with children and adults in a variety of healthcare, educational, community, home, and industrial settings.

Occupational therapists work with clients who have autism, spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, depression, low vision, traumatic brain injuries, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, Downs Syndrome, orthopedic injuries and neurological injuries.

### Career Quick Facts

- Occupational therapy is **#10 on the best jobs in America**.  
- Occupational therapy is ranked as the **#9 low stress jobs**.  
- Occupational therapy is ranked as the **#3 best healthcare job of 2012**.  
- Occupational therapy is ranked as the **#9 best paying job of the future**.  
- Students enter the profession after completing a **master’s degree** in occupational therapy.  
- Employment is expected to increase by 26% between 2008-2018. This increase is much faster than the average for all occupations.  
- The national average salary is **$72,320 per year**.

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**Areas of Practice**

- School System
- Inpatient Rehab
- Lifestyle Redesign
- Outpatient
- Military
- Neonatal ICU
- Wheelchairs
- Mental Health
- Home Health
- Inpatient Acute
- Skilled Nursing
- Driver Rehab
- Brain Injury Rehab
- Academia
- Hand Therapy
- Sensory Integration
- Life Coaching

The OTD program has achieved candidacy status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA; Web address: www.acoteonline.org

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