



## Master of Occupational Therapy

College of Health Professions

The Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Program course sequence allows working adults with busy lives, jobs, and families to pursue a graduate degree. The weekend hybrid structure of this program makes it possible for students from other states to commute and complete their degree. On-campus classes are scheduled one day per weekend and a maximum of four times per module. All candidates must have completed a bachelor's degree. Healthcare experience is preferred, although it is not required.

The mission of the MOT Program is to prepare occupational therapists who value clinical and professional reasoning, implement contemporary evidence-based, community-focused, and occupation-based approaches to practice grounded in the tenets of humans as occupational beings. Graduates are ethical, reflective, autonomous practitioners who are leaders in a variety of meaningful professional roles for service with diverse populations.

### Evidence of Excellence

Classrooms include multiple skills labs and the OT Adaptive Living House which are used to provide a hands-on learning experience for occupational therapy students. Students gain the knowledge and skills that are required to adapt to environments and fabricate devices that support individuals' day-to-day activities. MOT students also benefit from the university's state-of-the-art cadaver lab to enhance their understanding of the human body.

Graduates of the University of Findlay (UF) OT Program have a 100% employment rate within one year of graduation.

On the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification examination, UF OT students have had a 98% exam pass rate from 2020-2022.

# Masters of Occupational Therapy Sample Curriculum

## Modules I & II

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### Spring I

OCTH 500 OT Context, Occupation & Meaning	3 hrs
OCTH 501 Structures of Human Anatomy	3 hrs
OCTH 506 Client-Centered Care	2 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 hrs</b>

### Spring II

OCTH 502 Analysis of Everyday Occupations	2 hrs
OCTH 503 Foundational Science & Theories in OT	3 hrs
OCTH 508 Movement Analysis of Occupation	3 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 hrs</b>

## Modules III & IV

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### Summer Semester

OCTH 509 Research Methods	3 hrs
OCTH 510 Group Process and Skills for Occupational Therapy	3 hrs
OCTH 516 Professional Roles and Ethics in Occupational Therapy	2 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 hrs</b>

### Fall Semester

OCTH 505 Neuroscience for OT	3 hrs
OCTH 517 Educational Methods for OT	2 hrs
OCTH 619 Evidence-Based Practice	2 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 hrs</b>

## Modules V & VI

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### Spring I

OCTH 504 Health Conditions in OT	2 hrs
OCTH 511 Health Care Systems	2 hrs
OCTH 518 Biopsychosocial Influence on Occupations	3 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 hrs</b>

### Spring II

OCTH 513 Level I Fieldwork A Peds	1 hrs
OCTH 524 Occupations through the Lifespan - Pediatric	4 hrs
OCTH 624 Population-Based Occupations: Health Promotion and Wellness	2 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 hrs</b>

## Module VII

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### Summer Semester

OCTH 553 Occupations through the Lifespan - Adult	4 hrs
OCTH 616 Occupational Therapy Community and Program Development	2 hrs
OCTH 645 Technological Occupations	2 hrs
OCTH 660 Level I Fieldwork C - Community	1 hr
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 hrs</b>

### Fall Semester

OCTH 514 Level I Fieldwork B - Adult	1 hr
OCTH 621 Occupational Therapy Process in High Definition	3 hrs
OCTH 622 Leadership & Management in Occupational Therapy	3 hrs
OCTH 634 Occupations through the Lifespan - Geriatrics	4 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 hrs</b>

## Modules IX & X

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### Spring I

OCTH 690 Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork A	6 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 hrs</b>

### Spring II

OCTH 691 Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork B	6 hrs
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 hrs</b>

### Electives

OCTH 535 Investigations In Occupational Therapy	variable credit
OCTH 615 Level I Fieldwork Elective	1 hr
OCTH 692 OT Level II Fieldwork C	6 hrs

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Resources for students  
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# Your career in Occupational Therapy

## Consider Becoming an Occupational Therapist

**Y**oung or old, we all have a job to do—the job of living. Learning, growing, playing, working, managing our homes, and caring for our families are among the “occupations” of life.

Unfortunately, physical, emotional, or other challenges often prevent people from fully participating in the job of living. Disease, injury, depression, or developmental problems can make it difficult for people to do everyday tasks or be active and independent.

Occupational therapy—a vibrant, growing profession—makes it possible for people to achieve independence and to enjoy life to its fullest. By choosing a career in occupational therapy, you will make a difference! You will be able to improve the lives of people, from newborns to the very old.

Students today can look forward to dynamic careers working in multiple settings with people of all ages. And the employment outlook for occupational therapists is bright! Recent information published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos078.htm>) has projected that the job outlook for occupational therapists will improve substantially in the next several years and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Specifically, it states that “employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase much faster than the average for all occupations through 2014,” meaning that employment is expected to increase by 27% or more.

One of the greatest advantages of a career in occupational therapy is the wide variety of opportunities available to occupational therapy graduates. Many practitioners choose to help children thrive in the “occupations” of childhood, which include learning, playing, and growing. Therapists work in schools with students who have learning disabilities or behavioral problems. Others work with premature newborns at pediatric hospitals or children with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and other disabilities.

Occupational therapists also work with individuals in their homes, community centers, rehabilitation hospitals, businesses, and nursing homes. In these settings, occupational therapists help people with traumatic injuries, stroke, Alzheimer’s disease, or mental health problems, learn to live productive lives through the use of meaningful occupations.

Those who join the field today may choose other areas of practice that are increasingly important. These new specialties include training workers to use proper ergonomics on the job, helping people with low vision maintain their independence, making buildings and homes more accessible, older driver evaluation and training, and promoting health and wellness.

Occupational therapy is a career for individuals who care about people and have a desire to learn, achieve, and contribute their best to society and the profession!

If you have specific questions about a career in occupational therapy, please contact [educate@aota.org](mailto:educate@aota.org).

Visit [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org) for more information about the profession and the activities of the American Occupational Therapy Association.



The American Occupational Therapy Association

# Your Career as an Occupational Therapist...

## What are Your Possibilities?

Take a look at these websites to view just a sample of what you could be doing.

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- OT Practice: Pediatrics  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY\\_JKPt7spc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY_JKPt7spc)
- Best Careers 2019: OT Job Description  
<https://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/occupational-therapist>
- A Day in the Life - Occupational Therapist  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ℓ9idxN2-Lp8>
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# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADAPTIVE LIVING HOME

The University of Findlay's Occupational Therapy Program is committed to providing learning opportunities for occupational therapy students, community agencies, healthcare professionals and outreach to individuals living in the community. . The focus is on home modifications and technologies necessary for anyone needing assistance with the occupations of everyday living.

## PURPOSES OF OT HOME

### I. Education

The Occupational Therapy Home is a hands-on learning experience for occupational therapy students. The students gain knowledge and skills for older individuals through adapting homes and using assistive devices.

### II. Research

Resources such as occupational therapy materials and journals are in the house for student use. Research projects regarding older adult independence and performance are studied by occupational therapy students. The OT Home offers the opportunity for students to study home modification and assistive devices.

### III. Outreach

The occupational therapy faculty and students at The University of Findlay also offer outreach to teach the community on various topics including:

- Aging in Place
- Home Modification
- Adaptive Equipment
- Life Skills Training

## TARGETED AUDIENCES

- Occupational Therapy students
- Clients of all ages
- Caregivers
- Health Professionals

## SERVICES

- Assessment, evaluation and intervention
- Opportunity to view and try out assistive technology
- Information on home modifications
- Information on home safety
- Assistive devices for independence
- Educational programs
- Research projects
- Grant writing



## KEY IDEAS

### Aging in Place

"Aging in place" is defined as growing older without having to move from one's current place of residence, in order to secure necessary support services in response to changing needs.

- Some 70% of seniors spend the rest of their life in the place where they celebrated their 65th birthday.

### Universal Design

The design of products and environments to be used by everyone with-out the need for adaptation.

- The intent of universal design is to simplify life for everyone by making products, communications, and the environment more usable for everyone at little or no extra cost. Universal design benefits people of all ages and abilities.

The information provided includes the results of the 2023 AOTA Salary and Workforce Survey which asked questions about the 2022 calendar work year. With more than 11,500 responses, this is the most comprehensive data for workforce, salary, and benefits known to AOTA. The survey was distributed via email to everyone who had opted in to receive AOTA communications (including members, former members, and nonmembers). Although this is the most comprehensive data available, caution should be used when interpreting the results to avoid over generalization. AOTA members can get a free customized report based on the responses to the survey by visiting [www.aota.org/VANITY\\_URL](http://www.aota.org/VANITY_URL). A more detailed description of methods is also available at this link.

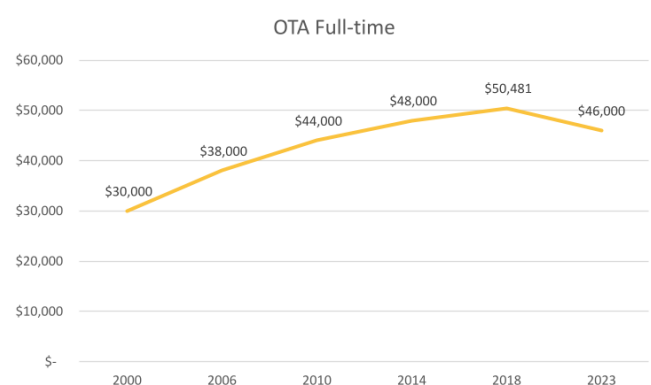
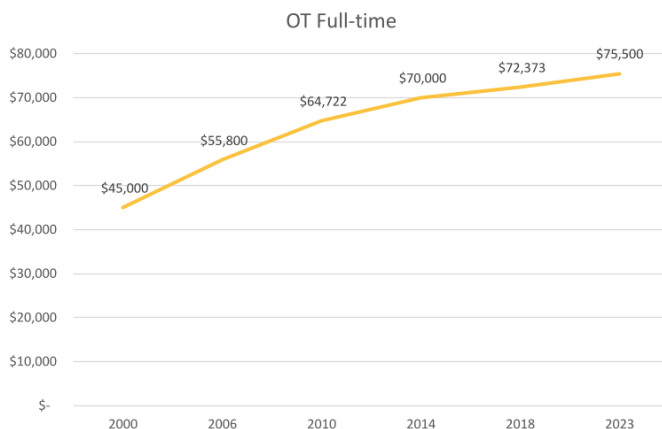
## Salary by Region

Salaries vary by region of the country. This may be a factor of cost of living as well as supply and demand.

For OTs, Pacific states have the highest median salary. For OTAs, other states and territories have the highest median salary followed very closely by Pacific states.

	Region	10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Median	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	% of Each License
OT	East North Central	\$36,880	\$58,000	<b>\$72,000</b>	\$85,000	\$100,000	20.95%
	East South Central	\$43,000	\$60,836	<b>\$75,000</b>	\$90,000	\$105,270	4.25%
	Middle Atlantic	\$45,000	\$63,000	<b>\$79,809</b>	\$94,186	\$110,000	13.05%
	Mountain	\$30,500	\$60,125	<b>\$79,250</b>	\$93,875	\$114,000	6.63%
	New England	\$42,000	\$62,000	<b>\$76,000</b>	\$92,000	\$105,900	6.90%
	Pacific	\$40,000	\$70,000	<b>\$88,000</b>	\$108,000	\$124,840	10.13%
	South Atlantic	\$36,000	\$60,000	<b>\$78,000</b>	\$92,000	\$107,000	15.36%
	West North Central	\$40,000	\$60,000	<b>\$73,000</b>	\$87,000	\$100,000	11.53%
West South Central	\$32,000	\$61,000	<b>\$76,291</b>	\$92,000	\$109,700	11.21%	
OTA	East North Central	\$12,898	\$30,000	<b>\$45,000</b>	\$54,000	\$64,000	20.95%
	East South Central	\$5,800	\$30,000	<b>\$43,000</b>	\$55,000	\$62,600	4.25%
	Middle Atlantic	\$6,000	\$32,650	<b>\$49,000</b>	\$62,700	\$72,000	13.05%
	Mountain	\$16,780	\$38,000	<b>\$54,500</b>	\$65,000	\$75,000	6.63%
	New England	\$25,600	\$38,000	<b>\$48,000</b>	\$54,500	\$71,600	6.90%
	Pacific	\$15,000	\$40,000	<b>\$54,000</b>	\$65,000	\$80,000	10.13%
	South Atlantic	\$9,200	\$33,815	<b>\$48,600</b>	\$60,000	\$70,520	15.36%
	West North Central	\$17,300	\$35,000	<b>\$45,000</b>	\$55,000	\$63,977	11.53%
West South Central	\$10,700	\$36,990	<b>\$50,039</b>	\$65,000	\$75,000	11.21%	

## Salary Over Time: Full-time



The median salary for full-time OTs continues to trend higher. However, for OTAs the median salary has decreased. The OT median salary in 2023 is \$75,500 and for OTAs is \$46,000.

# Trends in Salary by Practice Area

Academia continues to have the highest median salary for OTs and OTAs. For OTs, mental health and other innovative or emerging settings saw the largest increase from 2018. The largest increase for OTAs was in academia with decreases in other innovative or emerging settings, hospitals, and early intervention / school.

	Setting	2023	2018	2014	2010	2006	2000
OT	Academia	\$90,000	\$83,000	\$77,000	\$70,060	\$66,000	\$53,000
	Community	\$78,000	\$70,860	\$67,000	\$68,000	\$58,250	\$43,062
	Home Health		\$83,200	\$76,000	\$68,000	\$55,000	\$45,000
	Free-standing Outpatient	\$75,000	\$67,600	\$65,000	\$64,000	\$57,000	\$50,000
	Hospital	\$79,000	\$72,000	\$68,000	\$64,480	\$58,000	\$46,000
	Long-Term Care / Skilled Nursing Facility	\$78,000	\$76,960	\$73,000	\$70,000	\$58,000	\$46,000
	Mental Health	\$78,000	\$71,000	\$69,000	\$65,000	\$53,750	\$45,000
	Early Intervention	\$70,000	\$63,000	\$60,000	\$59,850	-	-
	School		\$76,000	\$70,000	\$67,122	\$62,000	-
	Other Innovative or Emerging Setting	\$80,000	\$68,016	\$61,000	\$58,201	\$50,500	\$42,000

OTA	Academia	\$68,000	\$62,250	\$61,500	\$52,000	\$46,000	\$37,000
	Community	\$45,000	\$49,514	\$49,000	\$44,000	\$35,000	-
	Home Health		\$43,680	\$39,500	\$35,000	-	-
	Free-standing Outpatient	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$43,200	\$41,800	\$32,000	\$30,000
	Hospital	\$46,000	\$53,248	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$45,000	\$40,000
	Long-Term Care /Skilled Nursing Facility	\$50,750	\$48,266	\$43,000	\$42,000	\$41,000	\$31,053
	Mental Health	\$53,500	\$52,780	\$50,000	\$48,942	\$40,000	\$30,000
	Early Intervention	\$41,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$43,500	\$39,000	\$24,500
	School		\$44,616	\$39,000	\$41,592	\$41,500	-
	Other Innovative or Emerging Setting	\$48,416	\$49,920	\$36,000	\$34,000	\$31,075	\$27,500

# Salary by Experience

In general, more experience in the field of occupational therapy is associated with a higher salary.

Small sample size contributes to some inconsistency in the lower and upper percentile ranges.

	Experience in OT	10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Median	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	% of Each License
OT	0-1 Years	\$13,897	\$40,000	\$61,000	\$72,092	\$82,000	6%
	2 Years	\$40,200	\$57,000	\$67,000	\$75,000	\$85,000	5%
	3-4 Years	\$45,266	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$79,000	\$88,000	9%
	5-6 Years	\$45,000	\$61,000	\$73,000	\$83,000	\$93,600	8%
	7-9 Years	\$44,972	\$62,000	\$75,000	\$88,000	\$100,000	11%
	10-14 Years	\$42,000	\$62,000	\$79,000	\$91,000	\$105,000	14%
	15-20 Years	\$40,000	\$64,000	\$82,000	\$98,125	\$115,440	12%
	21-25 Years	\$45,000	\$68,000	\$84,000	\$98,000	\$115,000	12%
	26+ Years	\$34,000	\$65,000	\$85,000	\$102,000	\$121,000	23%
	Overall						100%
OTA	0-1 Years	\$3,100	\$11,750	\$33,500	\$48,000	\$58,120	6%
	2 Years	\$22,000	\$33,000	\$43,100	\$50,000	\$57,100	7%
	3-4 Years	\$12,822	\$30,000	\$44,000	\$55,000	\$69,000	10%
	5-6 Years	\$10,431	\$32,750	\$45,875	\$55,000	\$65,468	13%
	7-9 Years	\$25,000	\$37,000	\$49,000	\$57,000	\$68,000	13%
	10-14 Years	\$10,000	\$36,000	\$48,000	\$60,000	\$73,000	17%
	15-20 Years	\$4,600	\$33,099	\$47,000	\$64,000	\$76,000	10%
	21-25 Years	\$25,300	\$41,825	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$77,000	11%
	26+ Years	\$19,888	\$38,000	\$54,000	\$68,000	\$78,000	14%
	Overall						100%