

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY O.T.D.

All students must meet the requirements for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Degree (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/degree/requirements/requirementsfortheoccupationaltherapydoctorate/>).

### OVERVIEW

The post-professional Occupational Therapy Degree is designed to produce occupational therapists that are leaders, occupation-based practitioners, effective educators, and scholars in their field. Graduates will know how to interpret and design research, understand occupation-based practice in an everchanging healthcare society, learn how to be innovative and creative in the practice and advocacy of occupational therapy, and will articulate clearly through written and verbal communication the value of the profession.

### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of Science

- Bachelor or master degree in occupational therapy from the US or abroad
- Minimum cumulative GPA 3.2/4.0
- Two years of clinical practice as a licensed OT
- English proficiency exam and TOEFL
- Personal statement + three letters of recommendation
- Transcripts + CV
- Phone/virtual/face-to-face interview

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSES FOR BS STUDENTS

If a student’s highest degree is a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy, two additional required courses must be taken. These courses must be taken in the first semester unless the student has taken a graduate level statistics course after earning their B.S. within the last five years, at which point we could accept that course as a transfer course. The two course categories are as follows:

- **Statistics:** This course can be taken online or face-to-face at a local university. Any course level statistics course is acceptable. The purpose of taking this course is to ensure that students with a bachelor of science in occupational therapy review statistics before entering the post-professional OTD program. Most occupational therapy bachelor of science degrees phased out in the late 1990’s and early 2000’s thus for many of these clinicians, it has been numerous years since statistical concepts were learned. This course will serve as a refresher and must have been taken with the last five years.
- **Exploring Current Occupational Therapy Theory and Practice:** Occupational therapy theory and practice has changed since the late 1990’s and early 2000’s. This course is designed to discuss current occupational therapy theory and practice.

### Minimum Degree Requirements

The Occupational Therapy Degree requires successful completion of the following 33 graduate credits:

Evidence-Based Practice I		3
OT 481	Evidence-based practice II	3
OT 482	Leadership Exploration	3
OT 483	Max Leadership Potential	3
OT 465	Cap I: Prof Scholar	2
OT 466	Cap II: Supporting Evidence	2
OT 467	Cap III: Implementation	2
OT 468	Cap IV: Dissemination	2
OT 489	Designing your portfolio	2
OT 487	Examining Occ-based Practice	3
OT 484	Innovation and Creative Think	3
OT 485	Impl Adult Learning Theory I	3
OT 486	Impl Adult Learning Theory II	2
Total Credits		33

### Comprehensive Examination

To demonstrate competencies, students will develop a portfolio highlighting their competency in each of the five areas of evidence-based practice, leadership, innovation, teaching excellence, and occupation-based practice. This portfolio will serve as a comprehensive examination.

### Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Science

Successful completion of the comprehensive exam.