



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Called to Care, **Trained to Restore**

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Creighton
UNIVERSITY

School of Pharmacy and
Health Professions
Occupational Therapy

This is Where Your OT Journey Begins

Follow your calling to care and lead.

At Creighton University, our Doctor of Occupational Therapy program fuels your compassion, deepens your knowledge and inspires lifelong growth. Here, the path to becoming an OT is both personal and purposeful.

Join a connected, mission-driven community.

You'll learn alongside faculty, researchers, practitioners, mentors and peers—each committed to advancing the field and supporting one another. Together, we shape careers, transform lives and serve communities in need.

Graduate ready to make an immediate impact.

Gain the skills and confidence to help individuals of all ages overcome challenges, reclaim independence and live more fully. Creighton-trained occupational therapists are known for their excellence—and the world needs them now more than ever. Creighton's programs are designed to meet licensure requirements in all 50 states, preparing you to practice wherever your career takes you.



**Top-15
OT program**

U.S. News & World Report

More than
10,000
service hours
in the last decade

**100%
job placement**
since 2021

More than
850 clinical sites
**CONTRACTED ACROSS THE
NATION AND THE WORLD**

**100% faculty hold
doctoral degrees**

**98.6% overall
pass rate**
**ON NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EXAMINATION**
for the past 5 years



Creighton OTD Pathways: Learn Where You Live

Creighton's Doctor of Occupational Therapy program offers a curriculum designed to meet the needs of adult learners across multiple locations. Whether on campus in Omaha or in one of our innovative hybrid pathways, you'll benefit from a high-quality learning experience that blends lecture, lab and clinical education.

A Curriculum Built for Connection and Flexibility

Students across all pathways engage in synchronous and asynchronous learning, complemented by in-person lab instruction led by experienced faculty. Omaha students attend classes in a traditional campus format. Hybrid students access live-streamed or recorded lectures, with lab sessions delivered by adjunct faculty in close collaboration with our Omaha-based team.

Omaha Program

Study full-time on our main campus, with access to state-of-the-art labs and classrooms. Learn from a distinguished faculty—more than 25 with doctoral degrees and 5 recognized as American Occupational Therapy Association Fellows—who are leaders in research, clinical practice and OT education. This is a rigorous, immersive experience rooted in Jesuit values and academic excellence.

Alaska Hybrid Pathway

This pathway brings Creighton's OTD program to students with a passion for rural and Indigenous healthcare. Through a hybrid model of live and recorded lectures and in-person labs, you'll gain critical insight into the needs of underserved communities and develop cultural awareness that shapes your practice.

Regis Hybrid Pathway

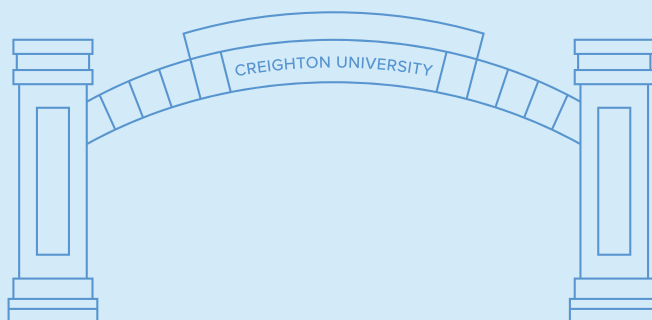
Two Jesuit institutions. One shared mission. The Regis hybrid pathway at the International Health Campus in Thornton, CO, follows our successful Alaska model, offering smaller cohorts and a tight-knit learning environment. Students benefit from rigorous academics and the opportunity to build lasting connections with faculty and peers.

Phoenix Hybrid Pathway

Developed in response to a growing healthcare provider shortage, the Phoenix pathway offers the same exceptional curriculum in a hybrid format. With a focus on clinical excellence and compassionate care, this location brings Creighton's mission to life in the heart of Arizona's health landscape.

From classroom to community—get ready to make an impact.

Creighton's OTD program prepares you to serve, lead and transform lives—no matter where you begin your journey.



Get out of the classroom and into the world.

At Creighton, we understand the importance of your role as an occupational therapist. We take our responsibility seriously in equipping you with the knowledge and experience to excel.

Our faculty is here to guide you on your journey, tailoring your clinical education to meet your needs and aspirations. With a network of over 850 clinical sites across the United States and internationally, each placement offers a distinctive focus that enhances your development as a practitioner.

Through an immersive 41.5 weeks of experiential education, you will gain the knowledge and practical skills to provide patient-centered care that prioritizes outcomes and holistic wellness. We believe in empowering you to make a lasting impact on the lives of those you serve.

For the capstone experience, you'll apply your expertise to develop deeper skills in one or more of the following areas:

- Clinical Practice
- Research
- Leadership
- Administration/Management
- Program and Policy Development
- Advocacy
- Education



Jesuit values enrich your education.

As a practitioner in the field of health care, occupational therapists see the importance of combining their practice with faith, service and spirituality. You'll find these ideas in the occupational therapist's oath that you take your first month of class, and in many of the Jesuit values that encourage:

- Developing the whole person
- Respecting each person as an individual
- Striving toward excellence and the greater good
- Promoting justice and serving communities as women and men for and with others
- Reflecting critical thought and responsible, ethical action



“Creighton is different than many other universities because of the attention to not only professional formation, but spiritual and personal formation. Students are invited to many self-reflection and development activities including retreats, professional conferences, international immersions, community engagement, service learning and student leadership. Students come from around the U.S., and our clinical affiliations allow exposure and experiences from top-notch health care facilities.”

BRENDA COPPARD, PHD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Professor of Occupational Therapy

Turn your passion into lifelong purpose.

At Creighton, we prepare occupational therapists to make meaningful contributions—advancing their profession, supporting their communities and improving the lives of those they serve. Whether working in a rural clinic, a research lab or a neighborhood health center, our graduates bring a distinctive blend of expertise, compassion and leadership to every setting.

Creighton-trained OTs don't just build careers—they answer a calling grounded in service, innovation and excellence.

Fellowship Programs

Our post-professional fellowship programs in pediatrics, neurology and gerontology advance Creighton's mission to develop reflective, compassionate practitioners. Fellows deepen their clinical expertise while focusing on holistic care, respect for diversity and service—locally and around the world.



Student Success a Top Priority

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) is committed to supporting students' academic and personal success both in and out of the classroom. The OASA team fosters a sense of community, provides educational support and enhances the overall student experience.

- Partners with academic advisors and instructors to support student success in coursework and clinicals.
- Leads elective courses and teaches strategies for success in professional school with a focus on wellness and persistence by academic success consultants.
- Optimizes individual performance by working with academic success consultants. Tutoring is available for challenging material.

- Oversees new student orientation and onboarding.
- Supervises and assist with Student Government activities.
- Consults and refers students to University partners, including:
 - SAS (Student Accessibility Services)
 - Title IX
 - SCS (Student Counseling Services)
 - Student Health
 - Financial Aid
 - Emergency loans
- Collaborates with Student Life Formation and Belonging.

Join the Creighton community

Founded in 1878, Creighton University is one of 27 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. The University, based in Omaha, Nebraska, is well known for its outstanding interdisciplinary and comprehensive educational programs taught in the Jesuit tradition of educating the whole person—academically, spiritually and socially. Creighton's nine schools and colleges span the arts and sciences, law, business and the health sciences, offering a broad array of undergraduate, professional and graduate programs for nearly 9,000 students.

Jesuit Values at the Core of Belonging

Inspired by the Catholic and Jesuit tradition, our Creighton community believes each human being is a profound gift from God, deserving of dignity and opportunity.

This empowers us individually and equips our students to become healthcare practitioners who provide patient-centered care. Our goal is to prepare them to advocate for the unique needs of every patient they serve. This is central to who we are as a Jesuit and Catholic institution educating the next generation of health care providers.



Admission Information

Congratulations on everything you’ve done to reach this stage in your professional journey to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

We know you’ve worked hard, and we want to help make the next step as smooth as possible. We love talking to prospective students and encourage you to schedule an appointment with our admission staff.

Application Process and Scholarships

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Occupational Therapy program participates in the centralized application system otcas.org. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. We review applications on a rolling basis and award admission-based scholarships throughout the admission cycle. Once interview seats are full, we may be unable to interview additional qualified candidates.

Before completing your application, please learn more about our admissions requirements below.

To apply, applicants must submit all the following materials through OTCAS, an occupational therapy centralized application service, which includes:

- An official transcript must be submitted to OTCAS from each institution the applicant has attended and/or is currently attending. Official transcripts must be received directly from the issuing institution(s).
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Observation in an OT setting supervised by a licensed occupational therapist.
 - Applicants will be considered for an interview prior to the completion of observations. Admitted candidates will be required to complete their observations by August 1 of the year they matriculate.

Prerequisites

For admission into the Doctor of Occupational Therapy programs at Creighton University, you must meet the following requirements:

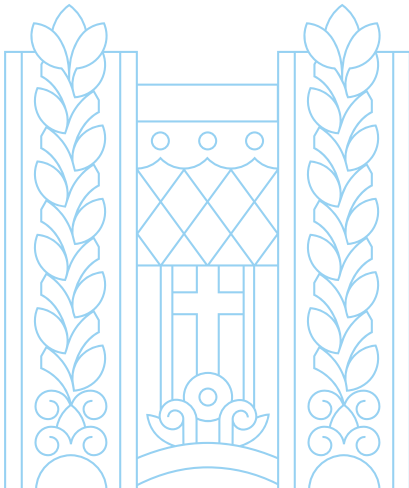
- A minimum of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of prerequisite coursework.
- Prerequisite courses may be completed at any regionally accredited institution and must be completed with a grade of C or better (a C- grade is not acceptable). All prerequisite coursework must be completed by August 1 of the desired year of entry.

COURSES

	Semester Hours	Quarter Hours
Theology, Philosophy and/or Ethics <i>(also includes religion or logic)</i>	3	4.5
Culture, Ideas and/or Civilizations <i>(includes history, world religions, American studies, world literature or women’s studies)</i>	3	4.5
Human Anatomy <i>(if enrolled in a combined anatomy/physiology course, six semester hours will be required)</i>	3	4.5
Psychology <i>(three of the six hours must include either human development or abnormal psychology)</i>	6	9
English Composition	3	4.5
Statistics	3	4.5
Medical Terminology	1	1.5
Electives <i>(Creighton Undergraduate students must complete six hours of Theology among the elective hours)</i>	38	57
Total	60	60

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will make the final determination regarding courses satisfying requirements.

The entry-level program in occupational therapy (OTD) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) located at: 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E Bethesda, MD 20814 accred@aota.org | 301.652.2682
More information on ACOTE can be found at [acoteonline.org](https://www.acoteonline.org).



Learn More



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A National Leader in Health Sciences Education

Creighton University's \$100 million Phoenix expansion and the \$75 million CL Werner Center for Health Sciences Education in Omaha help position Creighton as one of the nation's largest health professions educators.

Our nationally recognized interprofessional approach mirrors the future of healthcare: collaborative, team-based and patient-focused. At Creighton, students across health disciplines learn and share knowledge while working together in real-world care settings.

This collaborative model isn't just innovative—it's essential. And as a Creighton OT student, you'll experience it firsthand.

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