OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Inspired to Care, **Prepared to Lead**

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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-20 OT program
U.S. News & World Report

More than
10,000 service hours
in the last decade

100% job placement
since 2021

41.5 weeks
OF CLINICIAL EDUCATION IN DIVERSE SETTINGS
nationally, globally

100% of admitted OT students receive scholarship support

98% overall pass rate
ON NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINATION
for the past 5 years

Creighton OTD Locations: Learn Where You Live

Creighton's Occupational Therapy program is offered across four distinct locations, each built around the same curriculum, outcomes and support system and shaped by the community it serves.

Creighton's OTD program offers two learning formats, on-campus and hybrid, so you can choose the experience that fits your goals. You'll also learn from Creighton faculty across all locations, with ongoing support from advisors and mentors.

A Curriculum Built for Connection and Flexibility

Students across all pathway locations engage in synchronous (live) and asynchronous learning (recorded), complemented by in-person lab instruction led by experienced faculty. Omaha offers a fully in-person, immersive campus experience with daily interaction, hands-on labs and interprofessional learning opportunities. Hybrid (blended learning) students access live-streamed or recorded lectures, with lab sessions delivered by adjunct faculty in close collaboration with our Omaha-based team.

Omaha Program

On Creighton's Omaha campus, students experience a traditional, face-to-face learning environment and daily interaction with faculty and classmates. **As Creighton's largest OTD cohort, Omaha offers the energy and connection of a full campus community.**

Coursework and hands-on labs take place in the CL and Rachel Werner Center for Health Sciences Education, where OT students learn alongside students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy and physical therapy. This collaborative environment fosters the communication and teamwork skills needed in today's healthcare settings. Students also gain experience through clinical placements across the region and beyond.

Alaska Hybrid Pathway

The Anchorage Hybrid pathway is offered in partnership with the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), creating the state's only OT program. Lectures are delivered online, while labs are held on the UAA campus.

Students benefit from a close-knit learning environment, smaller lab groups and instruction from local clinicians who connect coursework to patient care. **The pathway prepares students to serve rural and Alaska Native communities where need is high and resources may be limited.**

Regis Hybrid Pathway

The Regis Hybrid pathway in Denver is offered in partnership with Regis University, another Jesuit institution with a longstanding commitment to healthcare education and service. For more than 10 years, the partnership has provided a collaborative learning environment rooted in shared values and community engagement. Students complete lectures online and hands-on labs in the Denver area. **Small groups with two faculty members in each lab and instruction from practicing clinicians connect coursework to patient care.**

Phoenix Hybrid Pathway

The Phoenix Hybrid Pathway combines online learning with hands-on education. Students complete experiential learning on Creighton's health sciences campus in Midtown, where Phoenix occupational therapy faculty collaborate with colleagues in Omaha to lead lab instruction. Throughout the curriculum, students gain practical experience working with standardized patients, in home care settings and through other learning experiences that prepare them for practice.

Smaller lab groups provide individualized instruction while local clinicians connect coursework to patient care. **The pathway offers the same curriculum, expectations and outcomes as Creighton's other OTD locations.** The hybrid format can also can support part-time work or other responsibilities, while community partnerships, such as Barrow Neurological Institute, First Place AZ and the Arizona Burn Center introduce students to the region's healthcare needs and strengths.

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.

On-campus Learning vs. Hybrid Learning

On-campus (Omaha):

- Attend classes and labs on the Omaha campus with daily interaction with faculty and peers
- Participate in hands-on learning integrated throughout your weekly schedule
- Access Creighton's Omaha simulation spaces, standardized patients, campus resources and student life

Hybrid (Phoenix, Denver, Anchorage):

- Attend lectures online: You can join the livestream or watch on your schedule
- Complete exams online with an online proctor
- Complete in-person labs 2–4 days per week at your location—you'll participate in hands-on learning working with peers, standardized patients and community partners
- Hybrid pathways offer flexibility in how you learn. Because labs take place multiple days each week, you'll need to live in your pathway city to complete the program.

LEARN ABOUT EACH LOCATION

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

FELLOWSHIPS

"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.

Specialty tracks allow students to build deeper knowledge in focused areas of occupational therapy practice and scholarship. In the Research Specialty Track, students work with faculty mentors on meaningful research that may lead to national conference presentations or peer-reviewed publications. The Maternal and Infant Health Specialty Track combines coursework, hands-on learning and mentorship in neonatal intensive care, early intervention and women's health.

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.

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 vast network of 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

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT OASA

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

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Occupational Therapy program participates in the centralized application service OTCAS. 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.org***, 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.

Scholarships

Creighton is committed to making an exceptional OT education accessible. In fact, 100% of incoming OTD students receive scholarship funding, with initial awards ranging from $19,500 to $60,000 distributed over the three-year program. All admitted students are automatically considered for scholarships, no separate application is required. Awards are based on a holistic review of your application, including academic achievement, essays, interview performance and service and leadership experiences. Because scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis, applying early provides the greatest opportunity for consideration.

COURSES

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

Learn More

Prerequisites and Admissions

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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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