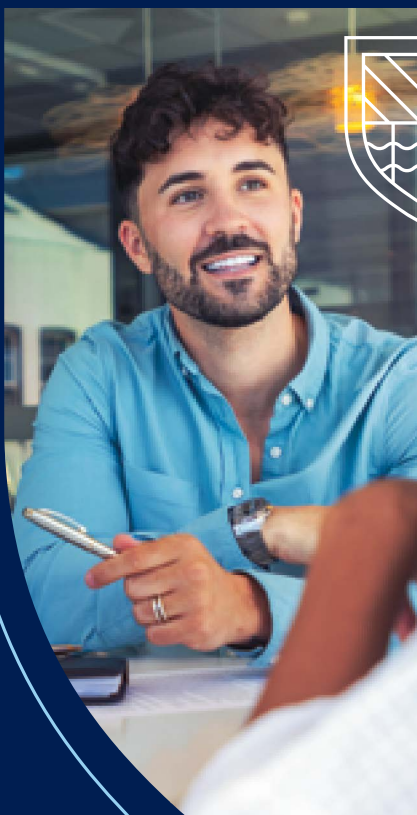


POST-PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY DOCTORAL (POTD) DEGREE

Collaborate with faculty experts

*in an active, online
learning community.*



Creighton
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School of Pharmacy
and Health Professions

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Discover and unlock new possibilities

with a POTD degree.

A respected course of study. A schedule that fits your needs.

Successful professionals from across the United States and around the world choose Creighton University as the next step in their careers. In 1995, we premiered the POTD degree program right here on Creighton's Omaha campus. The program's framework has evolved over the years into an online program to meet the growing needs of busy professionals juggling the demands of career, life and education.

Today, we continue to enjoy a respected reputation among health care professionals, who know that a graduate from the Creighton Doctor of Occupational Therapy program will be a leader and innovator in their field.

**Established
in 1995**

100%
doctoral-prepared
FULL-TIME FACULTY

**Open to U.S.
and international
students**

**165 program
graduates
to date**

100%
of students agree
THIS PROGRAM HELPS
INCREASE EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

77% of students
submitted and/or
published an article
PRIOR TO GRADUATING

“Creighton is well-known in the occupational therapy community, and I wanted to gain knowledge from one of the best schools in the nation.

Achieving an OTD would symbolize the highest academic degree in clinical occupational therapy education, which focuses on leadership, research and evidence-based clinical skills.”

—**JAIRRAH GODSIL**, OTR/L
POTD candidate 2023





The Clinical Doctorate That Sets the Standard

A personalized program designed with your goals in mind.

Creighton's POTD degree takes a student-focused approach to education. A mix of specifically designed coursework provides education for the whole person and emphasizes professionalism, ethical practice and service learning.

EXAMPLES OF COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Leadership/Advocacy
- Research and Manuscript Writing
- Instructional Methods/Academia
- Program Development/
Entrepreneurship
- Advanced Clinical Practice
- Neuro-Occupation and Technology
- Community Based Practice
- Ethics



Pursue your goals with flexibility.

Life is busy. That does not mean you should have to compromise your career goals. At Creighton University, our online POTD degree focuses on providing flexibility and quality content to pursue your professional and personal goals.

The curriculum includes 21 credit hours of core courses, 15 credit hours of experiential courses and six credit hours of elective courses for students with a master's degree. An additional 12 credit hours of elective courses are required for students with a bachelor's degree. We make it easy for working professionals to engage in the required coursework through web-based technology, plus print, video, and other materials. You may complete your courses at a pace that works best to accommodate your already-established personal and professional commitments.

After completing your required core coursework, you'll extend and refine your

knowledge through experiential components tailored to your professional and personal goals. Choose to advance your clinical skills or develop capstone experiences in leadership, program development, research, teaching, advanced practice and more.

Chart your course.

In your coursework, you will learn from superior faculty with a variety of expertise and develop relationships through a learning community of practitioners from around the U.S. and world.

Whatever your goals, we will work with you to create an individualized plan of study. The program features a variety of electives focused on specialized areas of practice that run the gamut from instructional methods to grant writing, spirituality and global health. Students may also opt to take electives and earn certificates within Creighton's Graduate School. Our interprofessional offerings include patient safety, ethics, health care policy, cultural competence, international practice in the Dominican Republic or China, and more.

REQUIRED HOURS

BA/BS: 21 core credits; 18 elective credits; 15 capstone credits = 54 total credits

MA/MS: 21 core credits; 6 elective credits; 15 capstone credits = 42 total credits

Our programs are infused with Jesuit values:

- ***Cura personalis***—personal concern for the individual
- ***Magis***—striving toward excellence, seeking the greater good
- **Women and men for and with others**—promoting justice, serving communities
- **Contemplation-in-action**—mindfulness, critical self-reflection and ethical decision-making
- **Faith that does justice**—Understanding the complex issues of access to care



Earn a certificate to advance your career.

Students in the POTD program will complete elective coursework as part of their curriculum. Electives may be taken from a variety of occupational therapy courses or from other areas that align with certificates available through Creighton's Graduate School. When you pursue a certificate, you can hone your knowledge even further and gain the skills needed to move toward your specific career goals. Below are some certificates you may find of interest. To view all of the certificates available, visit creighton.edu/healthcertificates.

BIOETHICS

Ethical controversies in health care are broad and complex, including end-of-life care, pain and suffering, research ethics, and disparities in health care access. You can meet the growing need for professionals with strong ethical skills by completing coursework in Bioethics.

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Develop a deeper understanding of the many pieces that go into successful health care management. This certificate program can provide you with the core knowledge needed to position yourself for leadership opportunities in a number of health care organizations.

HEALTH CARE COLLABORATION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Learn to manage adversity in the workplace. The curriculum in this certificate program will help you approach and effectively manage conflict in a health care setting. Effective conflict management can help avoid lawsuits and build trust in the health care system.

HEALTH CARE EDUCATOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Influence the future of health care by gaining the knowledge and skills needed to be an expert in health professions education. In this program, you'll explore theories and teaching strategies that will enable you to best facilitate learning in the students you serve.

LIFESTYLE MEDICINE

You'll learn to take a whole-person approach in designing, implementing, and modifying lifestyle medicine programs and exploring the many factors impacting an individual's health.

CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATION

Advance your skills in ethics consultation and prepare for the Healthcare Ethics Consultant-Certified (HEC-C) exam. Gain hands-on experience in ethical assessment, analysis, process and evaluation with this program.



“What led me to the Creighton POTD program is my desire to teach at the university level some day. During my initial experience as a licensed occupational therapist, I had the fortunate experience of being presented with multiple unethical situations. I say fortunate as it has led me to be the provider I am today: one who is passionate, above all else, about ethics in health care. Creighton’s balanced curriculum, with the opportunity to explore health care ethics in depth, was my primary reason for selecting this program.”

—MICHELLE McCLAFFERTY-HELLEY, MS, OTR/L, POTD candidate 2023

Experience shapes future leaders.

At Creighton, you’ll find a focus on collaboration, lifelong learning, leadership and professional development. You will engage in doctoral capstone experiences throughout your time in the program. Capstone projects are created by each student based on their individual personal and professional development needs.

Capstone projects include research, manuscript writing and experiential learning courses and projects that may open doors, both during the experiential component and beyond your academic career. Some Creighton students have completed capstone projects internationally—exploring

occupational therapy practice in countries around the world. Others have chosen to complete capstone projects in academic settings by teaching a course or lab, resulting in adjunct or full-time academic appointments. It is common for these experiences to lead to published formal presentations and written manuscripts, allowing a heightened contribution to the occupational therapy profession.

You will have the opportunity to carve out time to pursue your professional and personal dreams, all with the support and mentorship of expert faculty, clinicians or other professionals who have your best interest in mind.

Learn from faculty at the forefront of their professions.

Our POTD faculty are more than teachers; they're leaders in the profession.

Five of our faculty have been recognized as Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)—a distinction awarded to fewer than 800 therapists in the professions within the United States. In addition, many of our 30+ faculty members have served nationally as volunteers or elected leaders of the AOTA.

Dedication to education isn't the only part of what our faculty do but also part of who they are. Every member of the teaching faculty in the POTD program has earned a doctorate in either clinical or research study. Seven faculty hold specialty certifications beyond their academic degrees.

KNOWN THROUGH THE PROFESSION

Many of our faculty are known authors of popular textbooks in occupational therapy. They are frequent authors of peer-reviewed articles and members of the editorial review boards of occupational therapy journals.

The Creighton occupational therapy faculty are actively engaged in research across all types of practice and topics. They have unparalleled experience and expertise in a variety of subjects. Their research interests include patient safety, geriatrics, health care public policy, distance education, upper extremity orthotics, scholarship of teaching, NICU environment, complexities of fatherhood, yoga, obesity among ethnic minority women, disability ethics and many more.

“The Creighton University POTD program challenges me to synthesize evidence-based practice and to critically analyze a person’s experiences from a wholistic perspective.

Its rich curriculum forces students to explore a broad range of advanced occupational therapy areas, beyond the core curriculum, this content pushed me to grow professionally.”

— **AMANDA WISE**, BSOT'98, MS'19, OTD'21

SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR SERVICE

Creighton University has a strong emphasis on service. Our faculty are dedicated to projects that serve the local community as well as the international community. They lead annual service trips to China and the Dominican Republic and provide services in various community service organizations. Our passionate faculty will help you to set up service-learning opportunities in your local community.

Faculty in the Creighton POTD program are proud to have the respect of their teaching peers and students. Together they have distinguished themselves as pioneers of the POTD program at Creighton University and they continue to deliver a dynamic curriculum on the leading edge of occupational therapy education.

Apply Today

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- July 1 for fall semester (April 1 for international applicants)

REQUIRED HOURS

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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION, CANDIDATES MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- A bachelor's or entry-level master's degree* in occupational therapy at an ACOTE-accredited institution or WFOT approved Occupational Therapy program for international applicants

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR U.S. CITIZENS/PERMANENT RESIDENTS

- Online application form
- \$30 application fee
- Applicant statement
- Resume
- Photocopy of current NBCOT certification or NBCOT Confirmation of Examination Application Eligibility Notice
- Three letters of recommendation
 - One must be from a licensed occupational therapist
- An official transcript
 - Must be received from each institution the applicant has attended and/or is currently attending for occupational therapy education
 - Must be received directly from the issuing institution(s)
 - All transcripts should be directed to Creighton Enrollment Services at enrollmentservices@creighton.edu

FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

- Online application form
- \$30 application fee
- Applicant statement
- Resume
- Proof of graduation from a WFOT-approved occupational therapy program
- Three letters of recommendation
 - One must be from a licensed occupational therapist
- Official TOEFL scores
- Foreign transcript evaluation
 - Examples: World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE)
 - Must be sent directly from evaluation service to Creighton Enrollment Services

Telephone interviews are required as part of the admission process for all qualified candidates. Qualified applicants will be contacted if they are selected for an interview.

For details, visit creighton.edu/potd





A commitment to changing lives

If you have a passion for making a difference in the lives of the individuals you serve, you belong in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University.

Upon completion of the POTD program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate entry-level occupational therapy clinical skills. Develop a new or refine an existing program that enhances occupational therapy practice.
- Demonstrate positive interpersonal skills and insight into one's professional behaviors to accurately appraise one's professional disposition strengths and areas for improvement.
- Demonstrate the ability to practice educative roles for clients, peers, students, and others in community and clinical settings.
- Influence policy, practice and education by advocating for occupational therapy services for individuals, populations, and the profession.
- Demonstrate leadership aptitude and characteristics to assume leadership roles at the local, national and international levels in occupational therapy, health professions, and the community.
- Develop essential knowledge and skills to contribute to the advancement of occupational therapy through scholarly activities.
- Apply principles and constructs of ethics to individual, institutional and societal issues, and articulate justifiable resolutions to these issues and act in an ethical manner.

As a School of Pharmacy and Health Professions student, you'll receive the skills and experience you need to succeed in your career. And you'll be prepared to lead in all aspects of health care.

“I believe one of the biggest benefits of our program is that our graduates are prepared to teach, lead, develop programs, advocate and contribute to the profession through scholarly pursuits.”

— **ANGELA LAMPE**, OTD, OTR/L, OTD'97, BOST'94
*Associate Professor and Director of the
POTD Program at Creighton University*



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