

TOP **5** REASONS TO CHOOSE

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program at Western New England University

1

Earn a Doctoral Degree and Save Time and Tuition

Entry-level doctoral programs in occupational therapy are on

the cutting edge of changing the direction of professional graduate education and influencing healthcare practice. In this program, you will gain advanced graduate skills that will position you to transform OT practice in healthcare settings of today and tomorrow. Our entry-level OTD is designed for students who have a bachelor's degree and all prerequisites completed prior to beginning the program.

With an Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree from Western New England University, you can become a practitioner-scholar ready to lead and explore the options of clinical practice, administration of a department, or academic work in higher education.



2

Be an In-Demand Leader in a Competitive Job Market

Salary differentials in the workplace that are based on highest degree earned will benefit those with a doctorate degree over a master's. With an OTD degree, you will be equipped with the research

evidence and the policy perspectives necessary to lead the movement toward a global healthcare workforce.

3

Learn from Expert Faculty with Doctoral Degrees

Faculty in entry-level master's degree programs may have doctoral degrees, but it is not required of all faculty. Faculty in entry-level doctoral programs must have doctoral degrees. Our program provides the security of knowing that you will receive instruction from faculty with doctoral preparation who are highly qualified to: exemplify theory-driven teaching perspectives; model best-practice interprofessional clinical skills; and provide an in-depth research mentorship experience as you evolve as a practitioner-scholar.



4

Gain In-depth Knowledge and Expanded Fieldwork

Our OTD is a 3-year program completed over 9 consecutive semesters, including summers. The curriculum consists of coursework with integrated Level I Fieldwork, 24 weeks of Level II Fieldwork, and a 14-week doctoral experiential residency. Additional study beyond that required for master's degree programs allows for an expanded doctoral curriculum that permits students to comfortably synthesize new course content and integrate it with fieldwork experiences in each semester.

5

Customize Your Doctoral Experiential Residency

The Doctoral Experiential Residency is a 14-week/560-hour component of the curriculum that is preceded by a sequence of content and mentorships courses (Semesters 3-6) that are designed to prepare you to complete a scholarly project (Semester 9). Through this customized Doctoral Experiential Residency you will acquire advanced skills that are framed around the concepts of leadership, transformative learning, and interprofessional education/practice. The Doctoral Project challenges students to be self-directed learners as they collaborate with Community Partners to transform healthcare practice.

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program has been granted Preaccreditation Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The program must complete an on-site evaluation (scheduled for November 4-6, 2019) and be granted Accreditation Status (anticipated by December, 2019) before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Learn more at wne.edu/otd.