

## **Doctoral Degree in Occupational Therapy**

# **Program Outcomes:**

The inaugural class of OTD students from Southern Illinois University Carbondale will graduate in Spring, 2025.

Year Enrolled	Graduation Year	Students Entering/Graduating	Graduation Rate
2022	2025	7/	
2023	2026	12/	

School Performance Data: <a href="https://www.nbcot.org/Educators-Folder/SchoolPerformance">www.nbcot.org/Educators-Folder/SchoolPerformance</a>

#### Accreditation Information and Pre-accreditation Status for Developing Programs

The entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program, offered through the School of Health Sciences within the College of Health and Human Sciences, has been granted candidacy status for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

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Consistent with ACOTE policy, the OTD program must have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted accreditation for students to be eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, (NBCOT) Certification Examination. The examination is administered by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), located at One Bank Street, Gaithersburg MD, 20878, NBCOT's phone number is (301) 990-7979, and web address is <a href="https://www.nbcot.org">www.nbcot.org</a>.

After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

### **Graduation Requirements:**

Students in good standing in the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program at the time of graduation must complete all coursework requirements for the entry-level occupational therapy doctorate degree, with a grade of B or better in all coursework, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Students must successfully complete two (full-time) 12-week supervised Level II Fieldwork placements and all requirements for a 14-week off-site individual Doctoral Capstone Experience and Doctoral Capstone Project; having successfully completed all degree requirements within 5 years of matriculation.

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### **Estimated Costs:**

The SIU Board of Trustees (BOT) approved tuition and mandatory fee rates for Fall 2023 at their April 27, 2023, meeting More details are now included in the **Tuition and Fee Calculators**. https://extendedcampus.siu.edu/

The estimated cost for this program is \$48,358.50 for 103 credits hours based on Fall 2023 in-state tuition. Below is a breakout of the tuition, fees, and other known expenses.

\$469.50/hour	Tuition for Illinois residents
\$80.00/hour	University Fees
\$14,276	Housing per academic year
\$1100/year	Textbooks/Supplies
\$175/year	Fieldwork Database
\$65	Grad School Application
Distance Education Fees	Online students pay some mandatory fees, but not the same fees as on-campus students *
	published fees are subject to change

#### \* OFF-CAMPUS AND ONLINE TUITION AND CHARGES: LINK TO EXTENDED CAMPUS: https://extendedcampus.siu.edu/cost-and-aid/

Students enrolled in certain off-campus and online courses are assessed the following tuition and fees for those courses whose section numbers are in the range of 900 through 999. The tuition rate is equivalent to the corresponding on-campus rate that the student would be charged if taking on-campus courses as an Illinois resident and, for undergraduates, will be subject to the same guarantees as the on-campus rates. The fees consist of the Information Technology Fee, the Student Services Building Fee, the Student-to-Student Grant Fee (for undergraduates), and a Distance Learning Fee. Use the <u>tuition calculator</u> to determine total cost of attendance for off-campus or online courses and/or programs.

**STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE** must be obtained independently, and Fieldwork costs will vary based on location and facility requirements.