

# Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT)

No doubt about it. The dynamic nature of our nation's health and human services offers challenging opportunities for advanced and specialized occupational therapy practice.

There's a compelling need for the practice scholar —the advanced practice occupational therapist who is actively involved in developing effective client-centered programs, while keeping pace with the latest research.

If you're ready to take it to the next level in your occupational therapy career, check out the College of Health and Human Services' **Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT)** program. You will be able to continue working in the field while broadening your professional skills and enhancing specialty practice.

Join a cohort of scholars as you explore, apply and develop the best practice models, knowledge and expertise you will need to take on leadership, research, advocacy, and educational roles in the profession.

## Take it to the Next Level

If you are looking to progress in our field and are a licensed occupational therapist, consider the Governors State post-professional program.

The DrOT program will give you the ability to find, interpret, synthesize, and apply findings from current research, theory, and models of practice in order to ensure the very best service outcomes.

With the working therapist in mind, the coursework for this doctorate is offered online and in scheduled on-campus sessions. The Governors State University DrOT sequence of courses provides you with the skills and leadership needed to make significant contributions to the health and well-being of clients in a wide variety of settings, with a special emphasis on the care of vulnerable populations.

## Learn More!

Learn more about the DrOT. Contact the **Department of Occupational Therapy** at **708.534.7293**, or e-mail **Melanie Ellexson, DHSc, MBA, OTR/L, FAOTA, Coordinator of the DrOT program**, at **melllexson@govst.edu**.

## SUCCESS BY DEGREES



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**"Empowering our practitioners** with evidence-based clinical decision making and encouraging the partnership of clinicians and academicians in the pursuit of knowledge are all part of a **powerful recipe for success."**

AOTA Executive Director  
Fred Somers



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## Admission Requirements

Applicants with either an entry-level master of occupational therapy degree or a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy plus an earned master's degree in any field;

OR

Applicants with a baccalaureate degree in occupational therapy but have not earned a masters degree\* must meet the following admission requirements:

1. Graduation from an occupational therapy program accredited by ACOTE. International students must have graduated from a World Federation of Occupational Therapy (WFOT) program and have received certification from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).
2. A minimum graduate GPA of 3.0, on a 4.0 point scale.  
Note: Applicants not meeting this criterion may be considered for conditional admission status.
3. Evidence of current certification from NBCOT.
4. Evidence of current state occupational therapy license.
5. Evidence of successful completion (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) of an upper division statistics course or research methods course within the past five years. Alternately, one may be taken concurrently with the first semester of graduate coursework.
6. Basic computer competency including word processing and use of the Internet.
7. Students who are unfamiliar with web-supported instruction are encouraged to take ONTL 650, Introduction to Online Learning, prior to or during the first term of enrollment; this is recommended.
8. Application essay.
9. Curriculum vita or resume.
10. Three letters of recommendation.
11. A personal interview with a graduate program faculty advisor/mentor.

## Degree Requirements

### Required Courses:

**(30 hours)**

- OCCT 790 Advanced Theories in OT (3)
- OCCT 792 Occupation Centered Practice & Process (3)
- OCCT 794 Evidence-Based Practice & Critical Thinking (3)
- OCCT 796 Leadership, Management, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (3)
- OCCT 797 Grant Funding (3)
- OCCT 798 Instructional Methods in Occupational Therapy (3)
- OCCT 892 Qualitative Research in Occupational Therapy (3)
- OCCT 894 Quantitative Research in Occupational Therapy (3)
- OCCT 896 Advocacy: Legal and Ethic Policy and Leadership (3)
- OCCT 899 Pro Seminar (3)

Governors State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at [www.govst.edu/catalog](http://www.govst.edu/catalog).

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## Specialty Concentration Elective Required: (6 Credit hours minimum)

Specialty concentration electives will be developed as part of the doctoral student study plan.

## Culminating Project Required Courses: (6 hours)

- OCCT 992 Clinical Fellowship (3-6)
- OCCT 994 Capstone Research Project (3-6)

## Total Credits:

**42 Hours** for Occupational Therapists who enter with a master's degree

**54 Hours** for Occupational Therapists who enter with a baccalaureate degree

\*The post-baccalaureate entry will require additional coursework within the Department of Occupational Therapy.