

Credentialing

Upon satisfactory completion of the University of Mary Occupational Therapy Doctorate Degree Program, including Level II fieldwork and the doctoral experience and capstone, students are awarded the Occupational Therapy Doctorate Degree and are eligible to take the certification examination for the occupational therapist, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. Successful completion of this examination leads to certification as an occupational therapist and to the title "Occupational Therapist, Registered" (OTR). Additionally, individual state regulations must be met for the OTR to practice. Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, licenses are usually based upon results of the NBCOT certification examination. When applying for state licensure, certification or registration, a criminal background check is typically completed. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to take the National Board for Certification examination or to attain state licensure.

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy Doctorate Degree Program at the University of Mary is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) located at 6166 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD. 20852-4929. ACOTE's phone number, C/O AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org

University of Mary Occupational Therapy Graduation Rates- DOCTORATE DEGREE

Bismarck/ Fargo, ND

Year	Students Entering Program/ Students Graduating	Graduation Rates
2021	46/47	98%
2022	41/42	98%
2023	30/31	97%

Billings, MT

Year	Students Entering Program/ Students Graduating	Graduation Rates
2021	16/16	100%
2022	14/14	100%
2023	15/16	94%