



OTD Occupational Therapy Doctorate

West Coast University's Occupational Therapy Doctorate program is designed to for innovative hands-on learning. Gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to begin or advance your occupational therapy career through a program that emphasizes real-life experience and simulation-based learning in our technologically advanced campus.



Mission Statement

At West Coast University, we embrace a student-centric learning partnership that leads to professional success. We deliver transformational education within a culture of integrity and personal accountability. We design market-responsive programs through collaboration between faculty and industry professionals. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways through which students develop the competencies and confidence required in a complex and changing world.



Values

A Student-Centric Culture

We believe it is our institutional responsibility to identify, understand, and respond to student needs.

The Communities We Serve

We take our responsibility to make a positive impact on the communities that surround us very seriously.

Innovation and Creativity

We are committed to bringing innovation and creativity to the development and delivery of instruction including offering a blend of courses in-person and online.



Accreditations

Accreditation provides an objective, third-party endorsement to students and their parents of an institution's commitment to deliver a quality education.

West Coast University is institutionally accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)¹ and holds programmatic accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE),²

among others. For a full list of our accreditors visit:

westcoastuniversity.edu/about/accreditation/

Why Choose WCU?

At West Coast University, every part of our program is designed with student success in mind. Our faculty collaborate with industry professionals to create market-responsive programs that help give you industry-current preparation. We continuously pursue more effective and innovative ways through which students can develop the competencies and confidence required in the evolving healthcare field.



The West Coast University Difference

West Coast University works diligently to stay at the forefront of the healthcare industry.



Interprofessional Education

Learn alongside students in different healthcare disciplines to develop the collaborative skills needed in today's healthcare environment.



Technologically Advanced

Our simulation centers immerse students in dynamic simulated healthcare scenarios to help them develop both skills and confidence.



Streamlined Curriculum

You can complete our 120-credit doctorate in as little as 32 months — that's just under three years!



Diverse Skillsets

Clinical knowledge is not enough for today's occupational therapists. We emphasize patient care, communication, and problem solving to create capable professionals.



Dynamic Learning

Get hands-on experience in sensory integration therapy, functional vision assessment and intervention, return-to-driving rehabilitation, and functional cognitive rehabilitation.



Ongoing Experiential Learning

Fieldwork experience begins in the sixth trimester and continues until graduation.

Program Overview

Occupational therapy is, by its very nature, a hands-on and interactive field. West Coast University's Occupational Therapy Doctorate program has been designed to reflect this, with simulation lab learning and clinical experience. The program will help students master their skills through our technologically advanced simulation center, sensory integration lab, and vision assessment lab — all located in our Center for Graduate Studies in Los Angeles.

Going beyond the requirements of a master's program, the doctoral coursework provides students with a deepened engagement with practice skills, innovation, theory, and research. The aim is to build a solid foundation for future leadership and advocacy within the field.

The students within our doctorate program enjoy a dynamic learning environment. Our students leave our program as prepared and reflective practitioners that will positively impact local and global communities.³

— Dr. Stacey Willis, OTR/L.
Dean & Program Director
Doctorate of Occupational Therapy



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CURRICULUM					
TRIMESTER	TERM	COURSE CODE	CR	COURSE TITLE	COURSE TYPE
1	1	OCC 710	3	Foundations of Occupational Therapy Practice	Lecture/Lab
	1	OCC 711	2	Occupations Across the Lifespan	Lecture/Lab
	1	OCC 712	1	Introduction to Fieldwork I	Lab
	1	OCC 713	3	OT Evaluation and Screening I	Lecture/Lab
	1	OCC 714	2	Introduction to Scholarship and Research	Lecture
	1	OCC 715	2	Basic Patient Care Skills	Lecture/Lab
	1	OCC 716	5	Integrated Physiology and Anatomy	Lecture/Lab
2	2	OCC 720A	5	Occupational Performance in the Older Adult Population	Lecture
	2	OCC 720B	2	Skills Lab Occupational Performance in the Older Adult Population	Lab
	2	OCC 721	1	Fieldwork I - Older Adult	Lab
	2	OCC 722	2	OT Evaluation and Screening II	Lecture/Lab
	2	OCC 723	3	Brain, Behavior and Occupation	Lecture/Lab
	2	OCC 724	3	Movement Analysis in Occupation	Lecture/Lab
	2	OCC 725	3	Scholarship & Evidence-Based Practice I	Lecture
	2	OCC 726	2	Occupations in Practice	Lecture/Lab
3	3	OCC 730	1	Introduction to Doctoral Studies	Lab
	3	OCC 731A	5	Occupational Performance in the Adult Population	Lecture
	3	OCC 731B	2	Skills Lab Occupational Performance in the Adult Population	Lab
	3	OCC 732	1	Fieldwork I - Adults	Lab
	3	OCC 733	3	Scholarship & Evidence-Based Practice II	Lecture/Lab
	3	OCC 734	3	Preparatory Methods I	Lecture/Lab
	3	OCC 735	4	Assistive Technology	Lecture/Lab
4	4	OCC 741A	5	Occupational Performance in the Child and Adolescents Population	Lecture
	4	OCC 741B	2	Skills Lab Occupational Performance in the Child and Adolescents Population	Lab
	4	OCC 742	1	Fieldwork I - Children and Adolescents	Lab
	4	OCC 743	1	Introduction to Doctoral Fieldwork	Lab
	4	OCC 744	4	Preparatory Methods II	Lecture/Lab
	4	OCC 745	4	Occupational Wellness	Lecture/Lab
	4	OCC 746	4	Leadership & Advancement in Occupational Therapy Practice	Lecture
5	5	OCC 751	1	Preparation for Doctoral Professional Practice	Lab
	5	OCC 752	12	Fieldwork II-A	Clinical
6	6	OCC 761	1	Preparation for Capstone I	Lab
	6	OCC 762	12	Fieldwork II-B	Clinical
7	7	OCC 771	2	Preparation for Capstone II	Lab
	7	OCC 773	5	Doctoral Capstone Experience I	Clinical
8	8	OCC 780	6	Doctoral Capstone Experience II	Clinical
	8	OCC 782	2	Capstone	Lecture

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Link to O*Net OnLine	SOC Code
www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1122.00	29-1122.00
Program Costs	Estimated Total Program Cost
Program cost includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, and shipping for the entire program. Assumes full-time credit load and normal completion	\$114,358
CALIFORNIA — BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BPPE)	
On-time Completion Rate	N/A*
The number of students who completed the program within 100% of the published program length within 2019 divided by the number of students who began the program who were scheduled to complete the program within 100% of the published program length within 2019 and excludes all students who cancelled during the cancellation period, minus the number of students who have died, been incarcerated, or been called to active military duty.	
Job Placement Rate	N/A*
The number of 2019 graduates gainfully employed in the field divided by the number of graduates available for employment. Graduates employed in the field means graduates who beginning within six months after a student completes the applicable educational program are gainfully employed, whose employment has been reported, and for whom the institution has documented verification of 35 days employment. For occupations for which the state requires passing an examination, the six months' period begins after the announcement of the examination results for the first examination available after a student completes an applicable educational program.	
*This program is new, therefore, the number of students who graduated and the number of students who are placed are not available at this time.	
1 West Coast University is accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a regional accreditation body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 1001 Marina Village Parkway Suite 402, Alameda, CA 94501, 510-748-9001, www.wscuc.org	
2 West Coast University's Doctor of Occupational Therapy program received accreditation on July 26, 2019 from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is 301-652-2682, and their web address is acoteonline.org . Program 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), Inc. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). Though most states require licensure in order to practice, the state licenses are usually contingent on successful passage of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination as well as eligibility to obtain state licensure.	
3 The opinion is the individual's sole opinion and not necessarily representative of that of the school, any instructor or any other student.	
WCU provides career guidance and assistance but cannot guarantee employment. Financial aid and scholarships are available for those who qualify.	

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