



 **WEST COAST
UNIVERSITY**
Founded 1909

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 first 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.

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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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	\$115,552

CALIFORNIA — BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BPPE)

On-time Completion Rate	100%
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The number of students who completed the program within 100% of the published program length who were scheduled to graduate in 2022 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 2022 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	82%
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The number of students who completed the program within 100% or 150% of the published program length who were scheduled to graduate in 2022 and are 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.

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION (ACOTE)

Licensure Passage Rate	80.6%
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The number of graduates who passed the exam divided by the number of graduates who took the reported licensing exam.

- 1 West Coast University is accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a institutional accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 1080 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 500, 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 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. 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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