

# Earn your entry-level OTD from Chatham University

Students wishing to become occupational therapists (OTs) currently have the choice between a Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) or a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD). Here's a few reasons why the entry-level OTD is a good choice.

▶ **It takes less time than you may think.**

At Chatham, you can earn your OTD in only 32 months—that's only two terms beyond the MOT. Most post-professional OTD programs require roughly two years of study while you're also working full-time.

▶ **More health-related professions have been transitioning to the entry-level doctorate.**

In some settings, this has impacted hiring practices, salary differentials, and leadership appointments.

▶ **You'll create more possibilities for yourself.**

The OTD provides more real-world experience through a doctoral project in your area of interest. Through this project, you'll increase the scope of your career to include paths such as leadership, advocacy, research, program development, and advanced clinical practice.

▶ **It's where the industry is headed.**

There's been an increased focus on areas—such as primary care, interprofessional care teams, and specialization—that require the training that an OTD can provide.

▶ **Why Chatham University?**

An acknowledged leader in graduate education in the health sciences, Chatham has offered an accredited entry-level OT graduate degree for almost 25 years. The program boasts a **100% job placement rate within six months of graduation** and an NBCOT pass rate of 99% within one year of graduation.

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