

State Licensure/Certification Disclosure for Occupational Therapy Licenses

The Occupational Therapy program at Mount Mary University has determined that completion of the Professional Entry Master of Science (M.S.) and Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) programs prepares a student to take the national certification examination for the occupational therapist registered (OTR®) through the [National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy](#) (NBCOT®). Passing the national certification exam is required for licensure in all 50 U.S. states. It is each person's responsibility to understand, evaluate, and comply with all requirements relating to the national certification exam and for the state(s) in which they intend to practice as licensure requirements vary by state including, but not limited to, specific coursework to utilize specific techniques (e.g., physical agent modalities). Occupational therapy state licensing boards may also have additional requirements, including, but not limited to, documentation verifying citizenship and/or right to work, a criminal background check/fingerprinting, jurisprudence examination, and attestation of good moral character.

Meets Requirements: Graduates of the Professional Entry Master of Science (M.S.) and Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) programs are eligible for state licensure. Mount Mary's Occupational Therapy Professional Entry programs satisfy the educational requirements for all 50 states of the U.S. listed below:

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NV, NH, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY.

U.S. Territories that regulate occupational therapy:

American Samoa (AS), Guam (GU), Northern Mariana Islands (MP), Puerto Rico (PR).

U.S. Territories that do not have regulations for occupational therapy:

Federal States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of Palau (PW), Republic of Marshall Islands (MH), U.S. Virgin Islands (VI).

<https://mtmary.edu/academics/graduate/master-occupational-therapy.html>

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