



# MOT and OTD Degree Program Comparison

At USAHS, you will benefit from a dynamic and flexible graduate experience. Whether you enroll in the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program, or choose to pursue an Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD), choose your path and get started today.

As the need for Occupational Therapy continues to increase, USAHS offers 2 great degree options that will enable you to meet your potential as a future OT professional.

## MOT

Both the MOT and OTD degrees enable you to start your career as an OT clinician. However, the MOT degree is a quicker pathway to licensure with 2 less trimesters than the OTD.

## OTD

A higher level degree with a capstone experiential project that prepares graduates for advanced roles in research, practice leadership, and advocacy for special populations.

<b>Length</b>	6 trimesters (2 years)	8 trimesters (2 years, 8 months)
• Total Credits	95	117
• Core Classes	73	79
• Fieldwork/Internship	22	22
<b>Capstone/Experiential</b>	0	16
<b>Starts</b>	Spring, Summer, Fall	Spring, Summer, Fall
<b>Campus Locations</b>	FLSA, CASM, TXAU, FLMI	FLSA, CASM, TXAU, FLMI* (Applicant status)
<b>Degree Required</b>	Bachelor's	Bachelor's
<b>GRE</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>General Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete patient evaluations</li> <li>• Determine treatment plans</li> <li>• Provide treatments</li> <li>• Document patient progress</li> <li>• Evaluate and adjust treatment plans</li> <li>• Complete patient discharges</li> </ul>	Same outcomes as MOT plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience with conducting independent research</li> <li>• Additional real-world exposure through the capstone doctoral experiential component.</li> <li>• Additional focus on leadership and advocacy</li> </ul>
<b>Advantages</b>	Shorter path to licensure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better initial ROI due to shorter degree time and lower cost</li> </ul> Entry level degree until 2027 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOT's are grandfathered in for licensure eligibility if degree is earned before 2027</li> </ul>	Entry level degree of the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get a head start on differentiating yourself now (currently only 44 OTD programs vs 190 MOT)**</li> </ul> Increases the scope of your career opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OTD enables expanded career paths including research leadership, theory, program development and emerging practice areas.</li> </ul>

\*\* Per ACOTE as of 1/18/18

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