



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.

Length	6 trimesters (2 years)	8 trimesters (2 years, 8 months)
• Total Credits	93	117
• Core Classes	71	79
• Fieldwork/Internship	22	22
Capstone/Experiential	0	16
Starts	Spring, Summer, Fall	Spring, Summer, Fall
Campus Locations	St. Augustine, FL, Austin, TX, San Marcos, CA Miami, FL	St. Augustine, FL, Austin, TX, San Marcos, CA Miami, FL, *Dallas, TX
Degree Required	Bachelor's	Bachelor's
GRE	Yes	Yes
General Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete patient evaluations • Determine treatment plans • Provide treatments • Document patient progress • Evaluate and adjust treatment plans • Complete patient discharges 	Same outcomes as MOT plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with conducting independent research • Additional real-world exposure through the capstone doctoral experiential component • Additional focus on leadership and advocacy
Advantages	Shorter path to licensure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better initial ROI due to shorter degree time and lower cost Entry level degree until 2027 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOT's are grandfathered in for licensure eligibility if degree is earned before 2027 	Entry level degree of the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a head start on differentiating yourself now (currently only 44 OTD programs vs 190 MOT)** Increases the scope of your career opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTD enables expanded career paths including research leadership, theory, program development and emerging practice areas.

*Dallas, TX proposed launch Summer 2019 - not currently admitting students. ** Per ACOTE as of 1/18/18

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