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# Academic Programs Annual Data Report

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# Section I: Programs

## Number of accredited programs:

| | OT Doctoral | OT Master's | OTA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accredited | 5 | 142 | 129 |
| Developing | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Applicant | 1 | 3 | 23 |
| Total | 6 | 145 | 158 |

Note:
Accredited: The academic program is accredited by ACOTE.
Developing: The program has been granted developing program status (step 2) by ACOTE and can admit students, but has not yet completed the initial on-site evaluation that leads to granting accreditation.
Applicant: The academic program has submitted a letter of intent to apply for developing program status (step1).

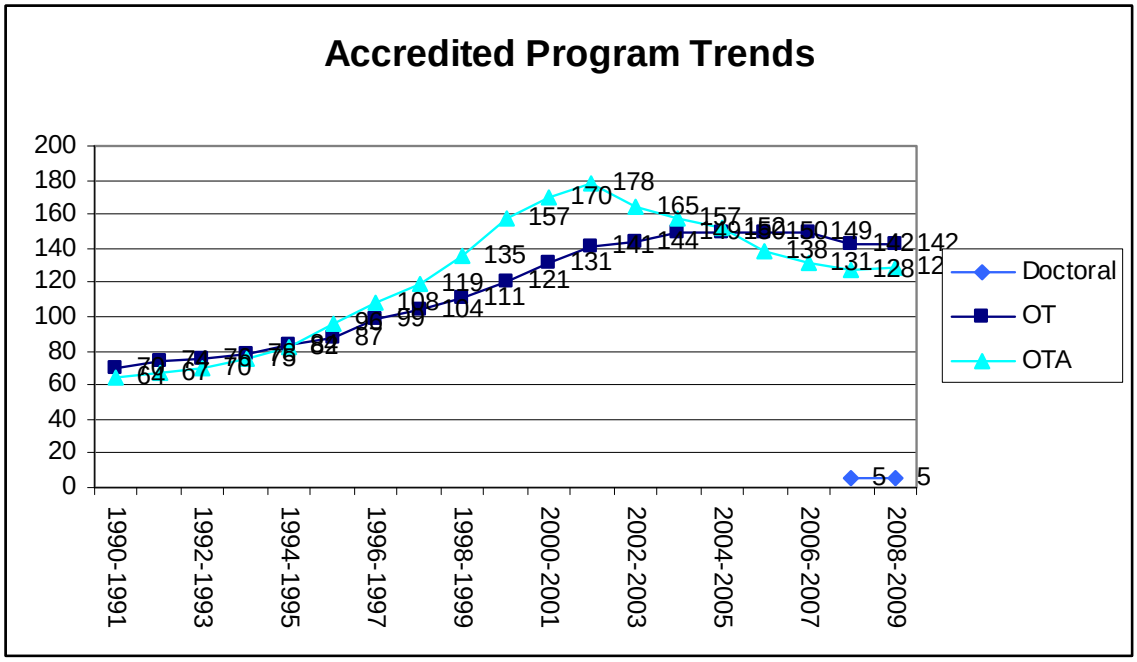
## Number of additional locations:

| | OT Doctoral | OT Master's | OTA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accredited | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| Developing | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Applicant | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Total | 1 | 11 | 22 |

## Total number of locations (both main campus and additional locations):

| | OT Doctoral | OT Master's | OTA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Locations | 7 | 156 | 180 |

## Accredited program trends:

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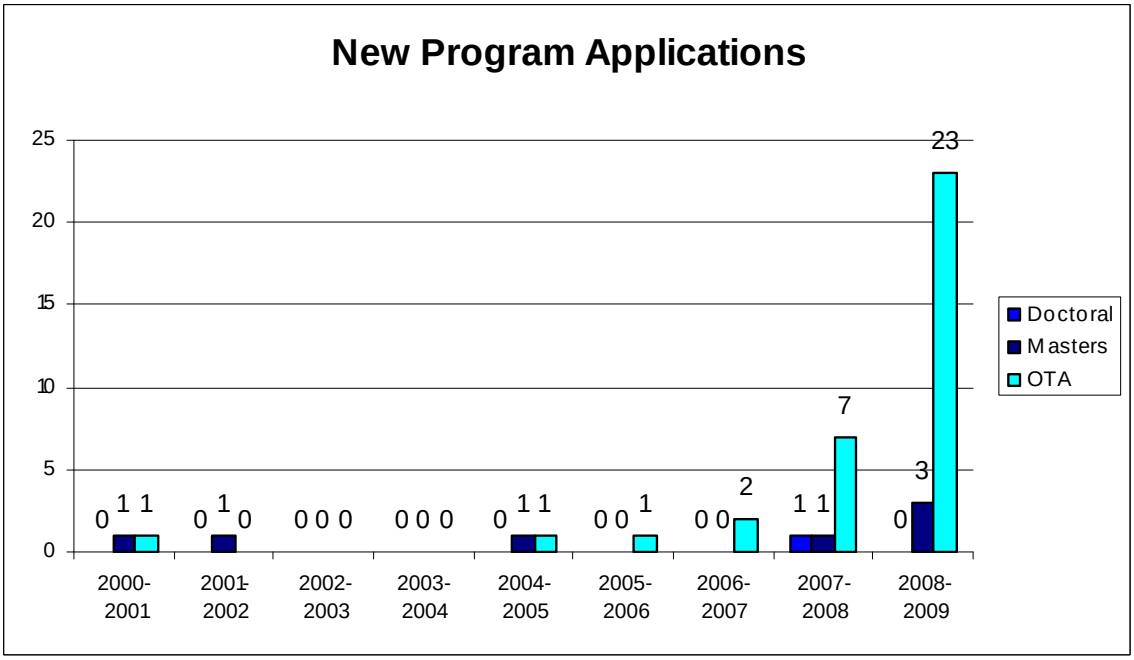
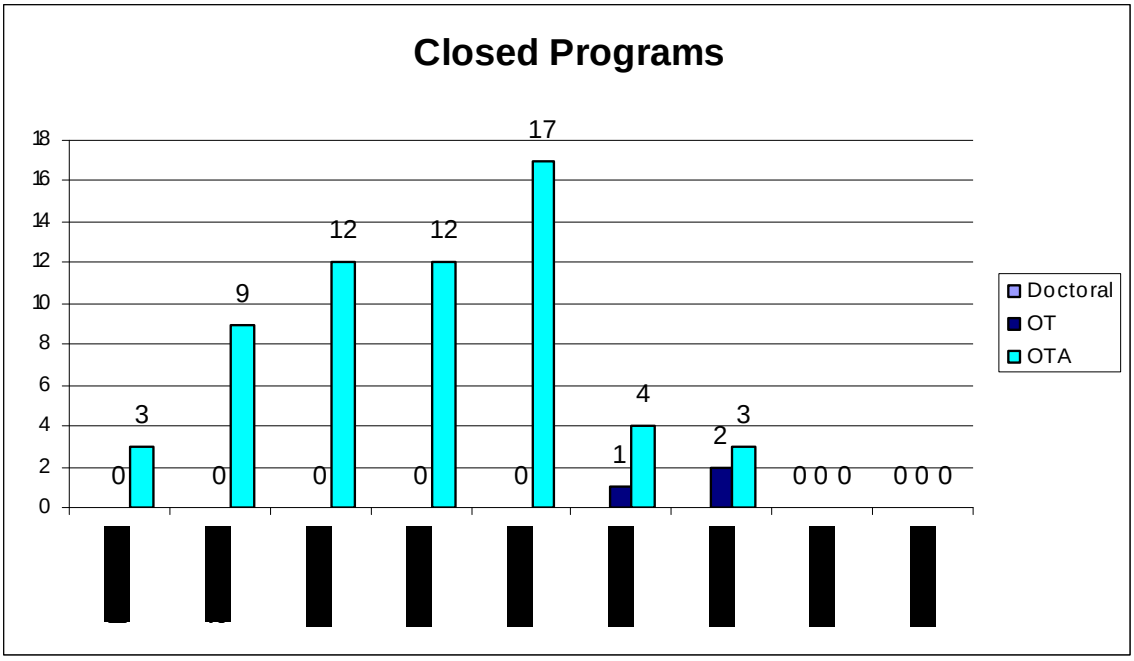
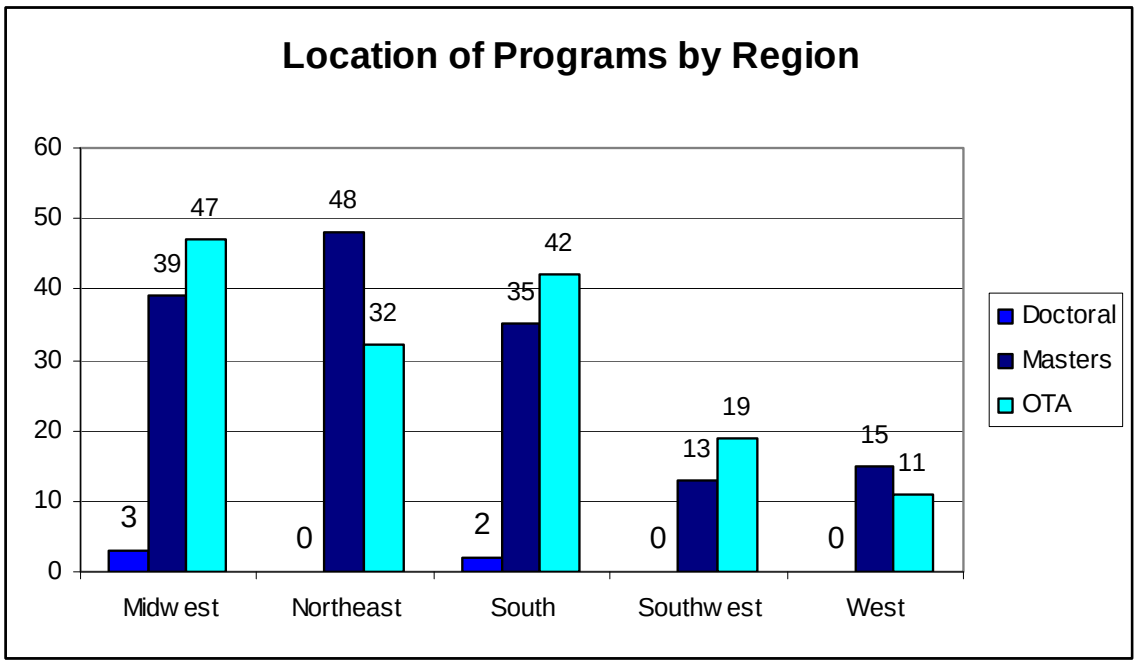


## Program closure trends:




Note: The six OT programs that closed in 2006-2007 were bachelor's degree programs that did not transition to the post-baccalaureate requirement that was effective January 1, 2007.

## Regional distribution of programs (includes primary and additional locations):



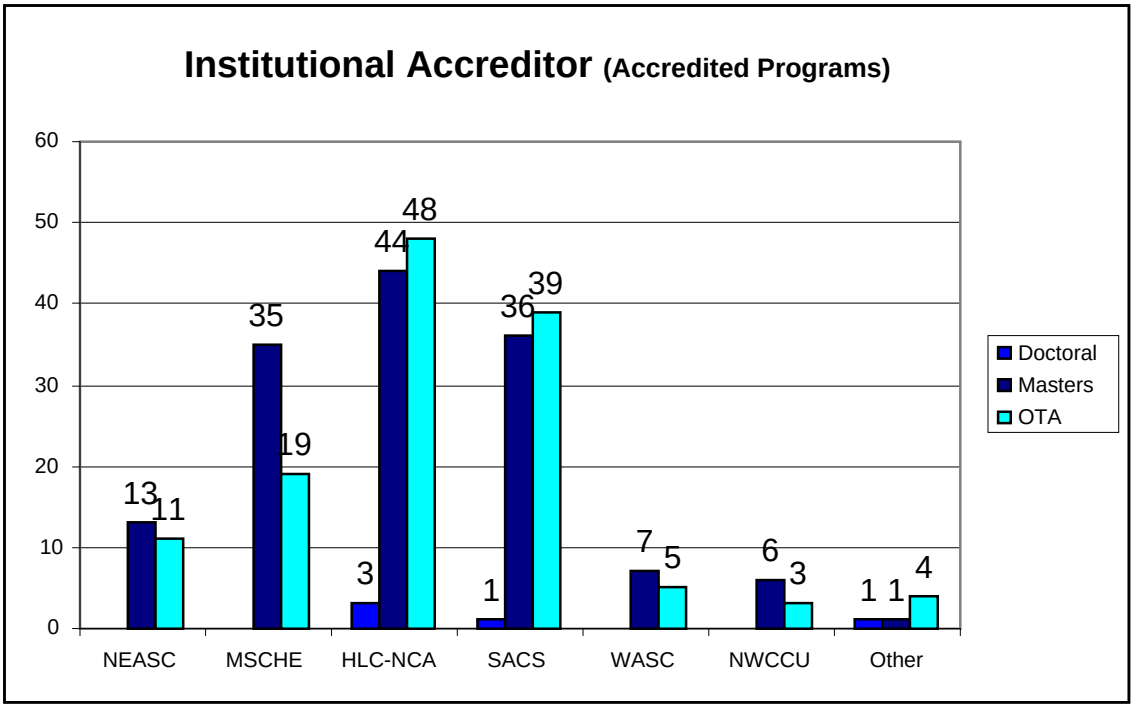
**Regional distribution of programs** **(includes primary and additional locations):**

| Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Region | Frequency | Percent |
| Midwest | 3 | 60% |
| South | 2 | 40% |
| Total | 5 | 100% |

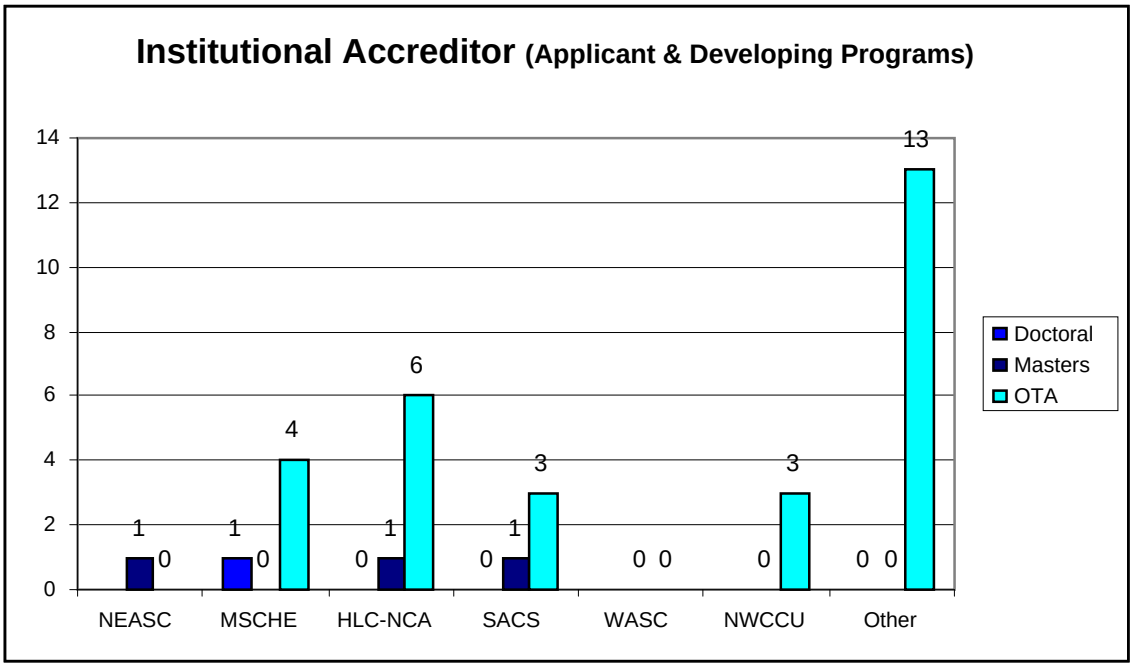
| Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Region | Frequency | Percent |
| Midwest | 39 | 26% |
| Northeast | 48 | 32% |
| South | 35 | 23% |
| Southwest | 13 | 9% |
| West | 15 | 10% |
| Total | 150 | 100% |

| Programs for occupational therapy assistant students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Region | Frequency | Percent |
| Midwest | 47 | 31% |
| Northeast | 32 | 21% |
| South | 42 | 28% |
| Southwest | 19 | 13% |
| West | 11 | 7% |
| Total | 151 | 100% |

## Host institution's accrediting agency:




Note: Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC-NCA); New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC); Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS); Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE); Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC); Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities (NWCCU).



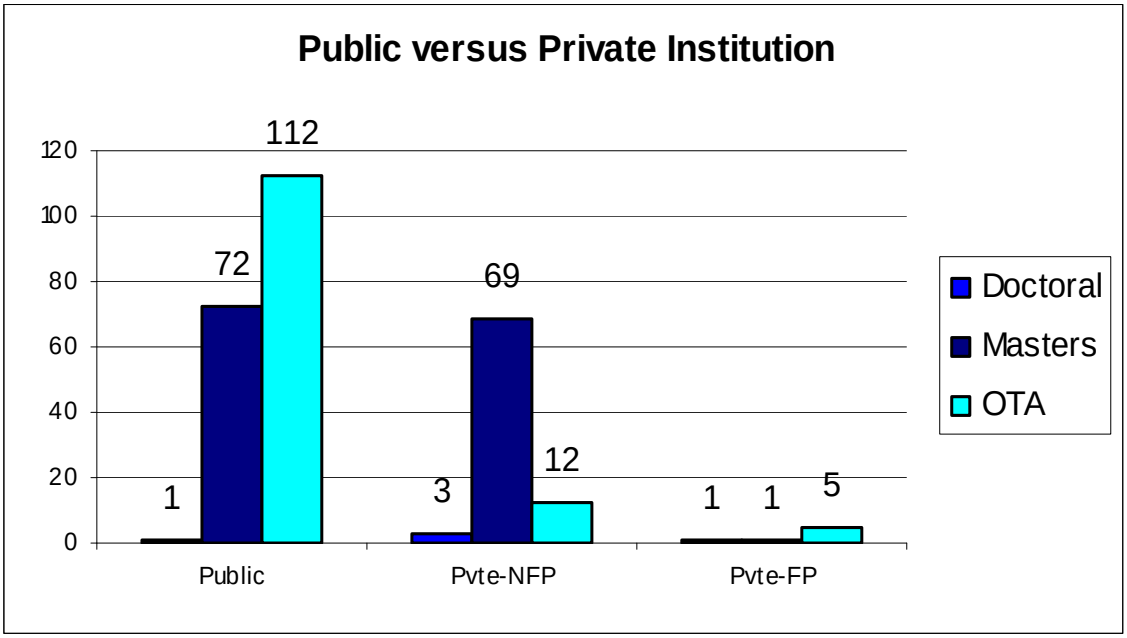
## Host institution's Carnegie classification (accredited programs):

| Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| RU/VH: Research Universities (very high research activity) | 1 | 20% |
| RU/H: Research Universities (high research activity) | 1 | 20% |
| Master's L: Master's Colleges and Universities (large) | 1 | 20% |
| Master's M: Master's Colleges and Universities (medium) | 1 | 20% |
| Spec/Health: Special Focus Institutions--Other health | 1 | 20% |
| Total | 5 | 100% |

| Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| RU/VH: Research Universities (very high research activity) | 22 | 15% |
| RU/H: Research Universities (high research activity) | 12 | 8% |
| DRU: Doctoral/Research Universities | 14 | 10% |
| Master's L: Master's Colleges and Uni. (larger programs) | 45 | 32% |
| Master's M: Master's Colleges and Uni.(medium programs) | 12 | 8% |
| Master's S: Master's Colleges and Uni. (smaller programs) | 3 | 2% |
| Bac/Diverse: Baccalaureate Colleges--Diverse Fields | 12 | 8% |
| Spec/Health: Special Focus Institution (health schools) | 4 | 3% |
| Spec/Med: Special Focus Institution (medical schools) | 18 | 13% |
| Total | 142 | 100% |

| Programs for occupational therapy assistant students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Master's L: Master's Colleges and Universities (larger) | 3 | 2% |
| Master's M: Master's Colleges and Universities (medium) | 4 | 3% |
| Bac/Assoc: Baccalaureate/Associate's Colleges | 3 | 2% |
| Bac/Diverse: Baccalaureate Colleges--Diverse Fields | 2 | 2% |
| Assoc/PrivFP: Associate's--Private For-profit | 3 | 2% |
| Assoc/PrivFP4: Associate's--Private For-profit 4-year | 2 | 2% |
| Assoc/PrivNFP: Associate's--Private Not-for-profit | 2 | 2% |
| Assoc/Pub-R-L: Associate's--Public Rural-serving Large | 21 | 16% |
| Assoc/Pub-R-M: Associate's--Public Rural-serving Medium | 24 | 19% |
| Assoc/Pub-R-S: Associate's--Public Rural-serving Small | 3 | 2% |
| Assoc/Pub-S-MC: Associate's--Public Suburban-serving Multicampus | 10 | 8% |
| Assoc/Pub-S-SC: Associate's--Public Suburban-Single Cam | 7 | 5% |
| Assoc/Pub-U-MC: Associate's--Public Urban-Multi campus | 25 | 19% |
| Assoc/Pub-U-SC: Associate's--Public Urban-Single Campus | 9 | 7% |
| Assoc/Pub2in4: Associate's--Public 2-year colleges under 4 | 4 | 3% |
| Assoc/Pub4: Associate's--Public 4-year, Primarily Associate's | 1 | 1% |
| Spec/Health: Special Focus Institutions--Other health prof | 3 | 2% |
| Spec/Med: Special Focus Institutions--Medical schools | 1 | 1% |
| Spec/Other: Special Focus Institutions--Other special | 1 | 1% |
| Spec/Tech: Special Focus Institutions--Other technology | 1 | 1% |
| Total | 129 | 100% |

## Host institution type:




## Other programs offered:

| Existing master's-degree-level OT programs that plan to start an entry-level doctoral program in the next 3 years: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Yes | 18 | 12.7 |
| No | 114 | 80.3 |
| Missing | 10 | 7.0 |
| Total | 140 | 100 |

* 2 programs offer both entry-level master's and doctoral programs

## Other programs offered:

| Institutions currently offering a post-professional degree program for practicing OTs: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Yes | 67 | 47.2 |
| No | 75 | 52.8 |
| Total | 142 | 100.0 |

| Degree programs offered for practicing OTs: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Certificate | 6 | 5.0 |
| Master's – OT / Occupational Science | 41 | 33.9 |
| Master's – Other | 28 | 23.1 |
| OTD | 13 | 10.7 |
| PhD / DSc – OT / Occupational Science | 9 | 7.4 |
| Doctorate - Other | 24 | 19.8 |
| Total | 130 | 100.0 |

Note: Many institutions have more than one program option for practicing therapists.

# Section II: Program Formats

## Full-time versus part-time options:

| Programs offering doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Full-time | 4 | 80.0 |
| Part-time | 0 | 0.0 |
| Both | 1 | 20.0 |
| Total | 5 | 100.0 |

| Programs offering master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Full-time | 121 | 85.2 |
| Part-time | 1 | <1 |
| Both | 20 | 14.1 |
| Total | 143 | 100.0 |

| Programs for occupational therapy assistant students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Full-time | 98 | 75.9 |
| Part-time | 2 | 1.5 |
| Both | 29 | 2.2 |
| Total | 128 | 100.0 |

## Primarily Weekday, Evening, or Weekend Format:

| Programs offering doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Weekday | 5 | 100.0 |
| Evening | 0 | 0.0 |
| Weekend | 1 | 20.0 |
| Note: 5 programs | | |

| Programs offering master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent of programs |
| Weekday | 134 | 94.4 |
| Evening | 8 | 5.6 |
| Weekend | 11 | 7.7 |
| Note: 142 programs – 11 offer two options | | |

| Programs for occupational therapy assistant students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Weekday | 123 | 91.2 |
| Evening | 9 | 6.7 |
| Weekend | 2 | 1.5 |
| Note: 129 programs – 5 offer two options | | |

## Percentage of program offered by distance education:

| Programs offering doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Zero % | 2 | 40.0 |
| 1-10% | 3 | 60.0 |
| Total | 5 | 100.0 |

| Programs offering master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Zero % | 63 | 44.4 |
| 1–10% | 63 | 44.4 |
| 11–20% | 5 | 3.5 |
| 21–30% | 4 | 2.8 |
| 31–40% | 0 | 0.0 |
| 41–50% | 2 | 1.4 |
| 51–60% | 3 | 2.1 |
| 61–70% | 1 | 0.7 |
| 71–80% | 1 | 0.7 |
| 81–90% | 0 | 0.0 |
| 91–100% | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 142 | 100.0 |

| Programs for occupational therapy assistant students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Zero % | 63 | 48.8 |
| 1–10% | 40 | 31.0 |
| 11–20% | 11 | 8.5 |
| 21–30% | 6 | 4.7 |
| 31–40% | 4 | 3.1 |
| 41–50% | 3 | 2.3 |
| 51–60% | 1 | 0.8 |
| 61–70% | 1 | 0.8 |
| Total | 129 | 100.0 |

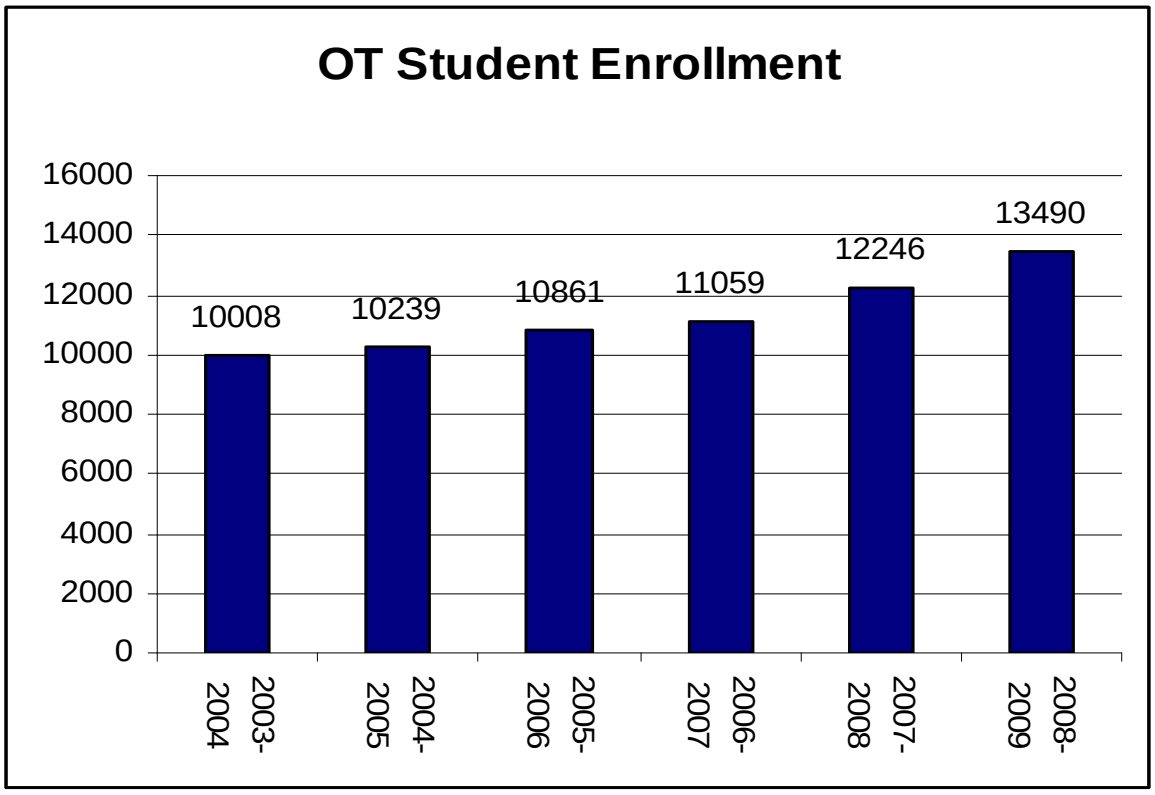
# Section III: Students

## Number of students enrolled:

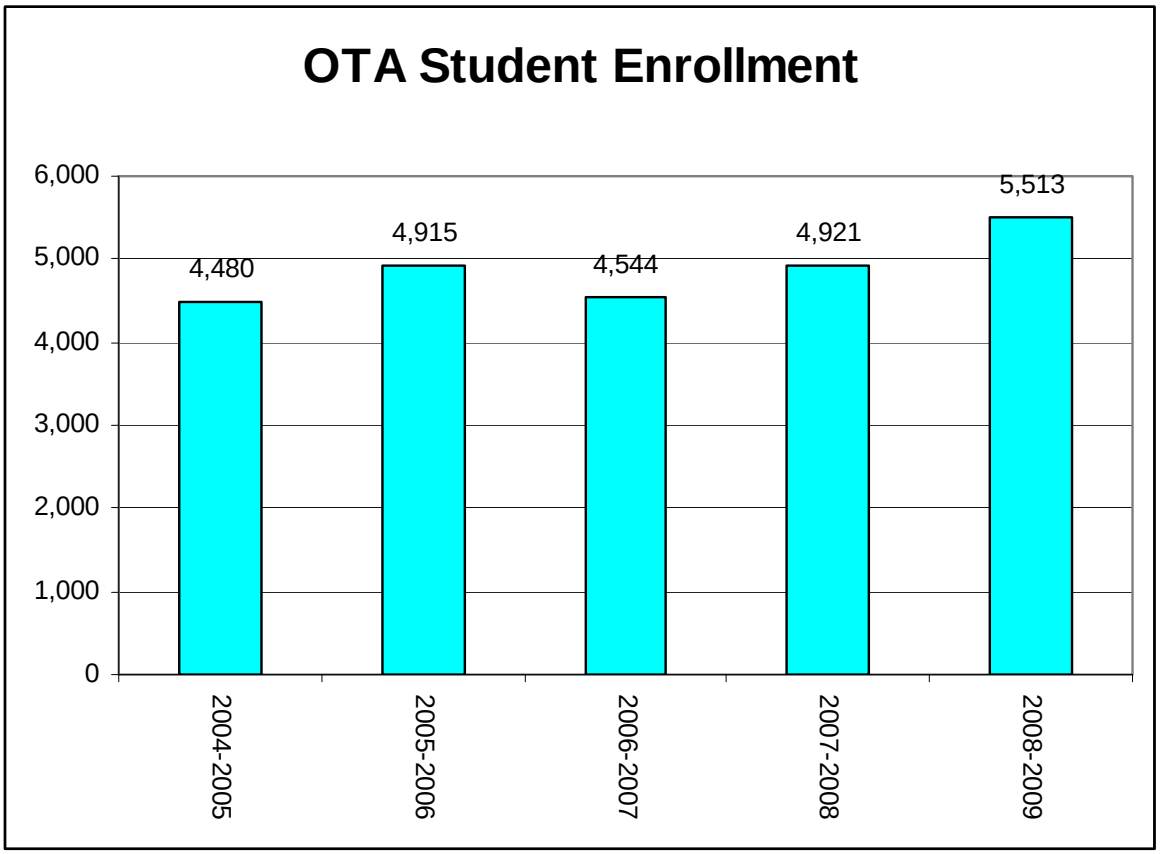
| Programs preparing students for entry into practice as an occupational therapist: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Master's | 13,187 | 97.8 |
| Doctorate | 303 | 2.2 |
| Total | 13,490 | 100.0 |

| Programs preparing students for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 5,513 | 100.0 |

## Trends in Enrollment:

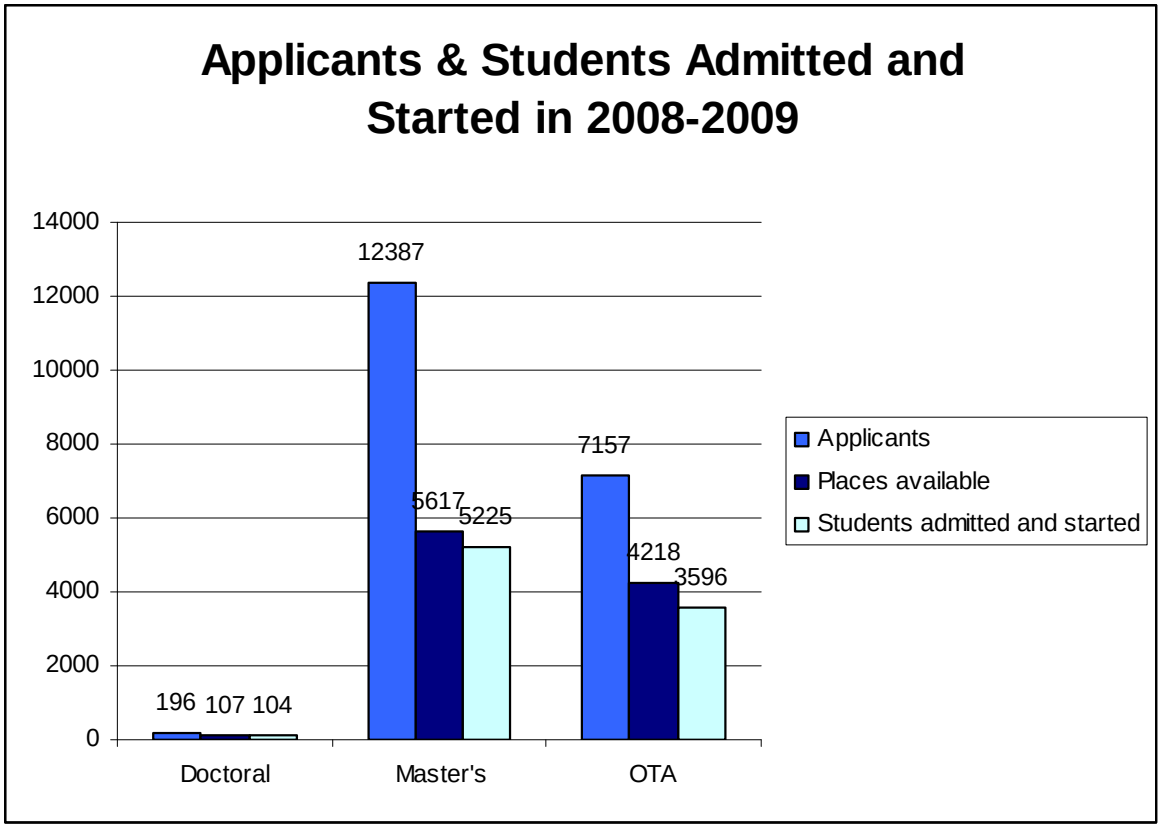


| Programs preparing students for entry into practice as an occupational therapists: | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | Change in last year | Change in 5 years |
| Baccalaureate | 1,581 | 689 | | | | | |
| Certificate | 17 | 11 | | | | | |
| Master's | 8,440 | 9,904 | 10,794 | 11,970 | 13,187 | 10% | |
| Doctorate | 201 | 257 | 265 | 276 | 303 | 10% | |
| Total | 10,239 | 10,861 | 11,059 | 12,246 | 13,490 | 10% | 32% |




| Programs preparing students for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistants: | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | Change in last year | Change since 2003-2004 |
| Students | 4,480 | 4,915 | 4,544 | 4,921 | 5,513 | 12% | 23% |

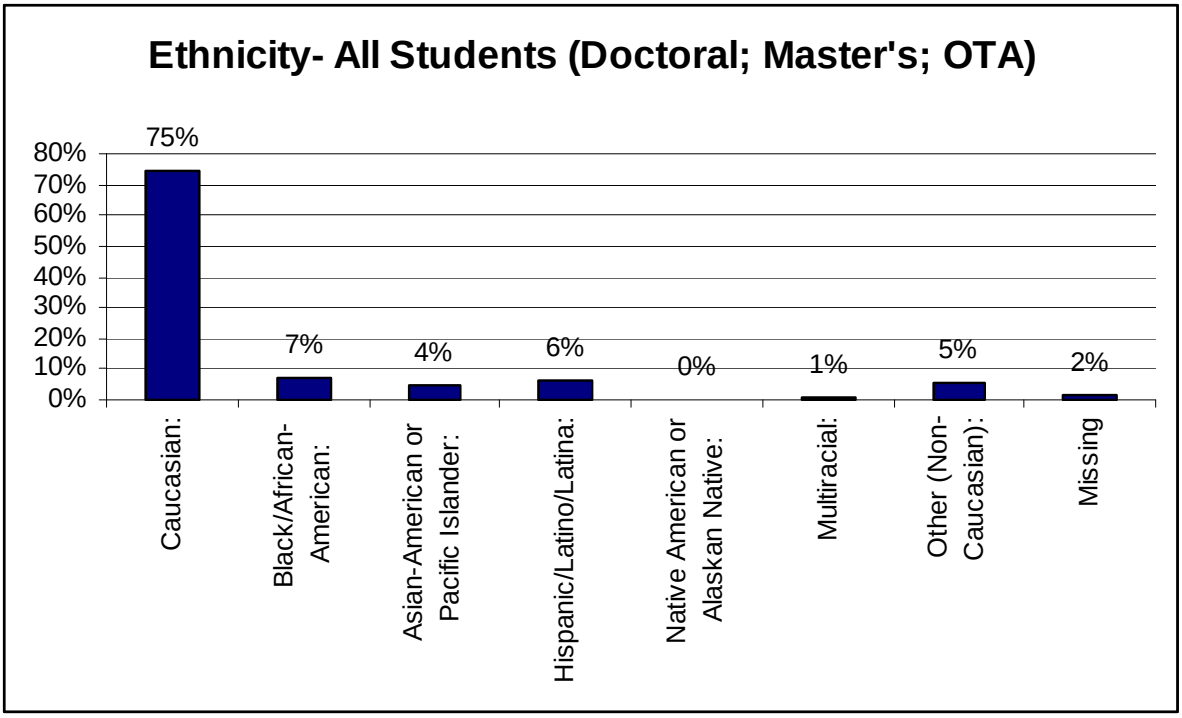
## Applicants:




| Number of applicants, places available, and students admitted and started in the programs in 2008-2009. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Applicants | Places Available | Admitted and Started | Percent Places Filled |
| Doctoral | 196 | 107 | 104 | 97.2 |
| Master's | 12,387 | 5,617 | 5,225 | 93.0 |
| OTA | 7,157 | 4,218 | 3,596 | 85.3 |

| Number of Applicants: 2007-2008 versus 2008-2009 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | % Change |
| Doctoral | 157 | 196 | 0.25 |
| Master's | 9,347 | 12,387 | 0.33 |
| OTA | 4,676 | 7,157 | 0.53 |

## Ethnicity:

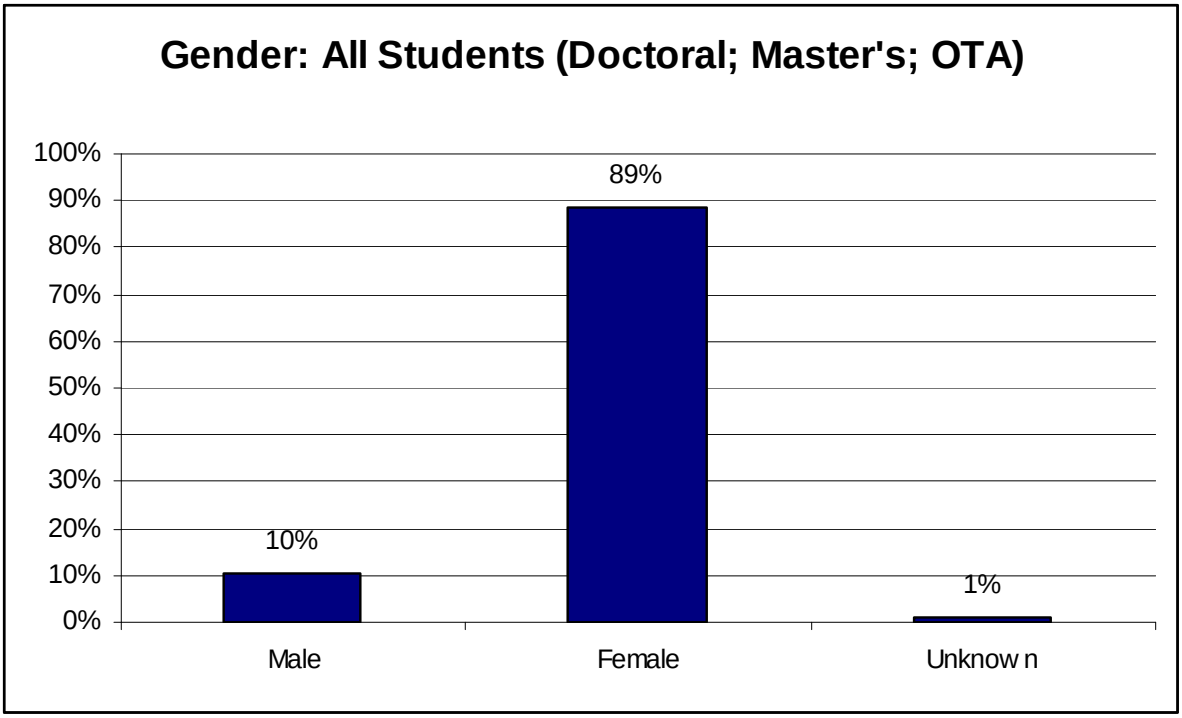



| Programs offering doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Total | Percentage |
| Caucasian | 271 | 89.4 |
| Black / African American | 8 | 2.6 |
| Asian-American or Pacific Islander | 10 | 3.3 |
| Hispanic / Latino / Latina | 6 | 1.9 |
| Native American or Alaskan American | 0 | 0.0 |
| Multiracial | 1 | <1 |
| Other | 6 | 1.9 |
| Not Available | 1 | <1 |
| Total | 303 | 100.00 |

| Programs offering master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Total | Percentage |
| Caucasian | 10,377 | 78.7 |
| Black / African American | 741 | 5.6 |
| Asian-American or Pacific Islander | 718 | 5.4 |
| Hispanic / Latino / Latina | 638 | 4.8 |
| Native American or Alaskan American | 45 | <1 |
| Multiracial | 73 | <1 |
| Other | 306 | 2.3 |
| Not Available | 289 | 2.2 |
| Total | 13,187 | 100.0 |

| Programs for occupational therapy assistant students: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Total | Percentage |
| Caucasian | 3,993 | 72.4 |
| Black / African American | 610 | 11.0 |
| Asian-American or Pacific Islander | 126 | 2.2 |
| Hispanic / Latino / Latina | 541 | 9.8 |
| Native American or Alaskan American | 19 | <1 |
| Multiracial | 27 | <1 |
| Other | 150 | 2.7 |
| Missing | 47 | <1 |
| Total | 5,513 | 100.0 |

**Gender:**

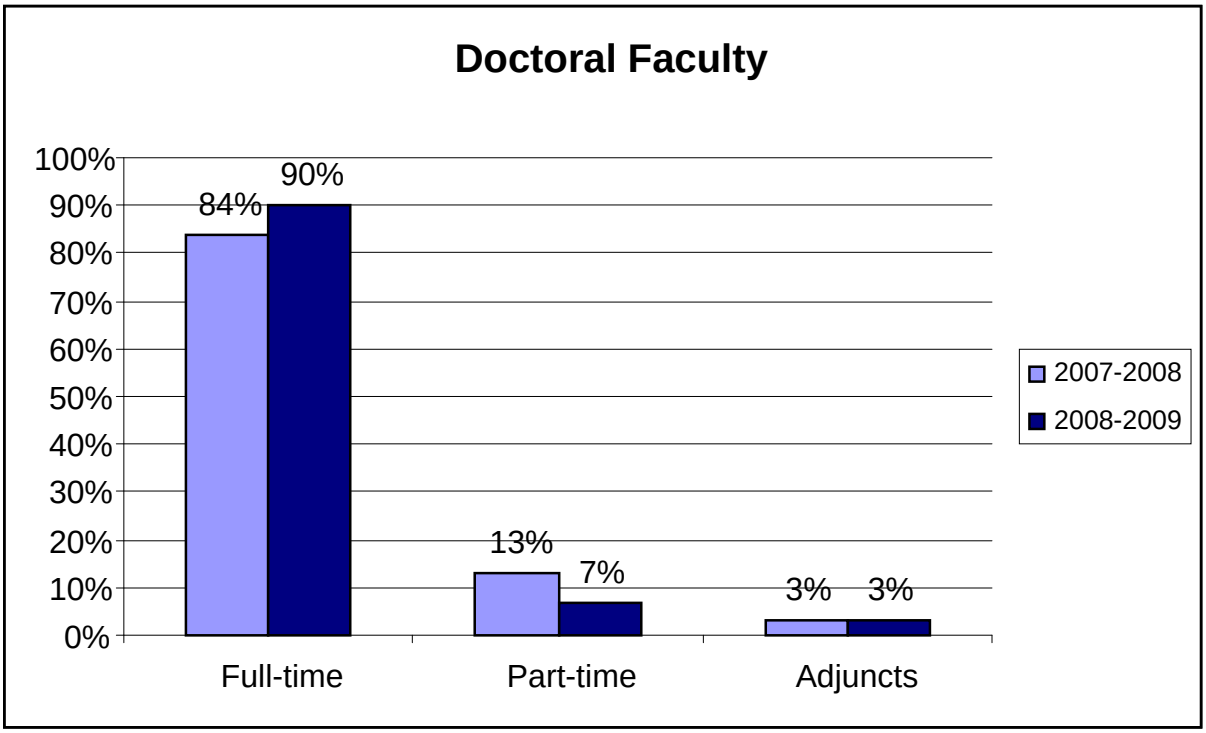



| Student gender: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Doctoral OT N (%) | Master's OT N (%) | OTA N (%) |
| Male | 23 (7.6) | 1,245 (9.4) | 716 (12.9) |
| Female | 280 (92.4) | 11,846 (89.8) | 4,731 (85.8) |
| Missing | 0 | 96 (7.3) | 66 (1.2) |
| Total | 303 | 13,091 | 5,513 |

# Section IV: Faculty

**Faculty numbers:**

| Faculty numbers: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Positions | % of FTE's at the level |
| Core full-time faculty (FTE's) | Doctoral | 46 | 90.1 |
| | Master's | 961 | 76.5 |
| | OTA | 325 | 69.6 |
| Core part-time faculty (FTE's) | Doctoral | 3.7 | 7.3 |
| | Master's | 92.5 | 6.5 |
| | OTA | 31.7 | 6.8 |
| Adjunct faculty (FTE's) | Doctoral | 1.3 | 2.5 |
| | Master's | 213 | 17.0 |
| | OTA | 110 | 23.6 |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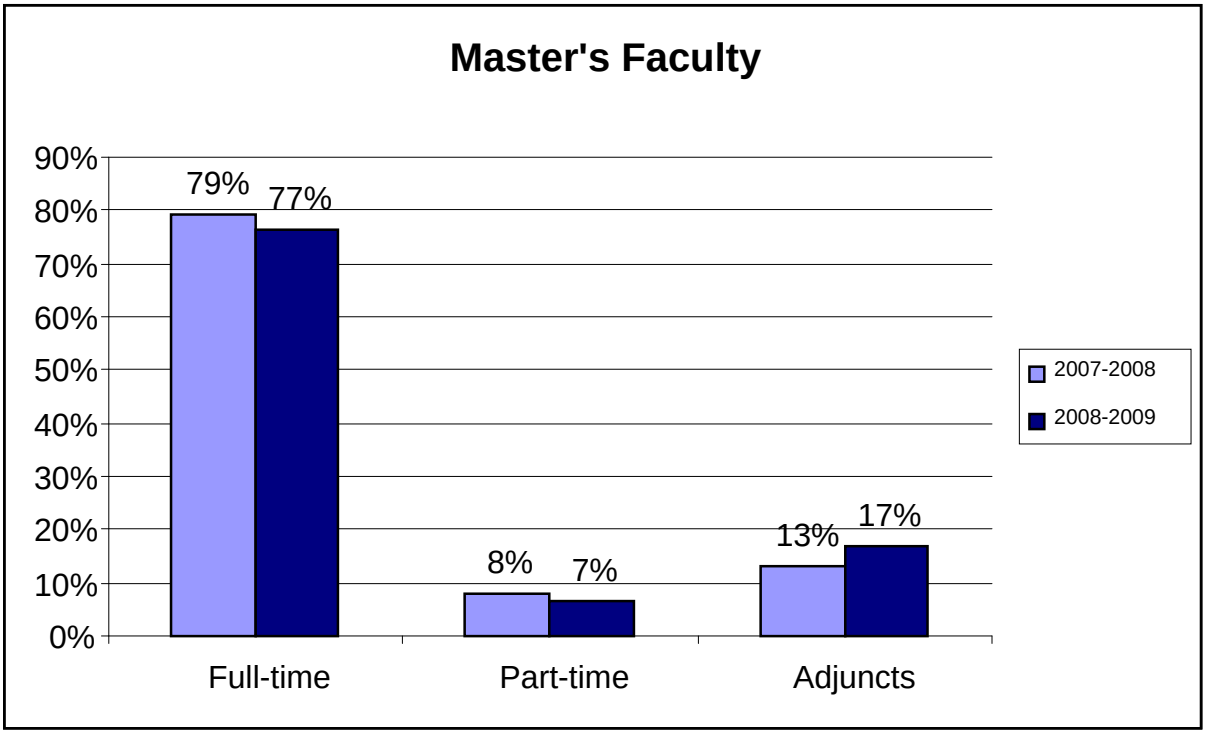
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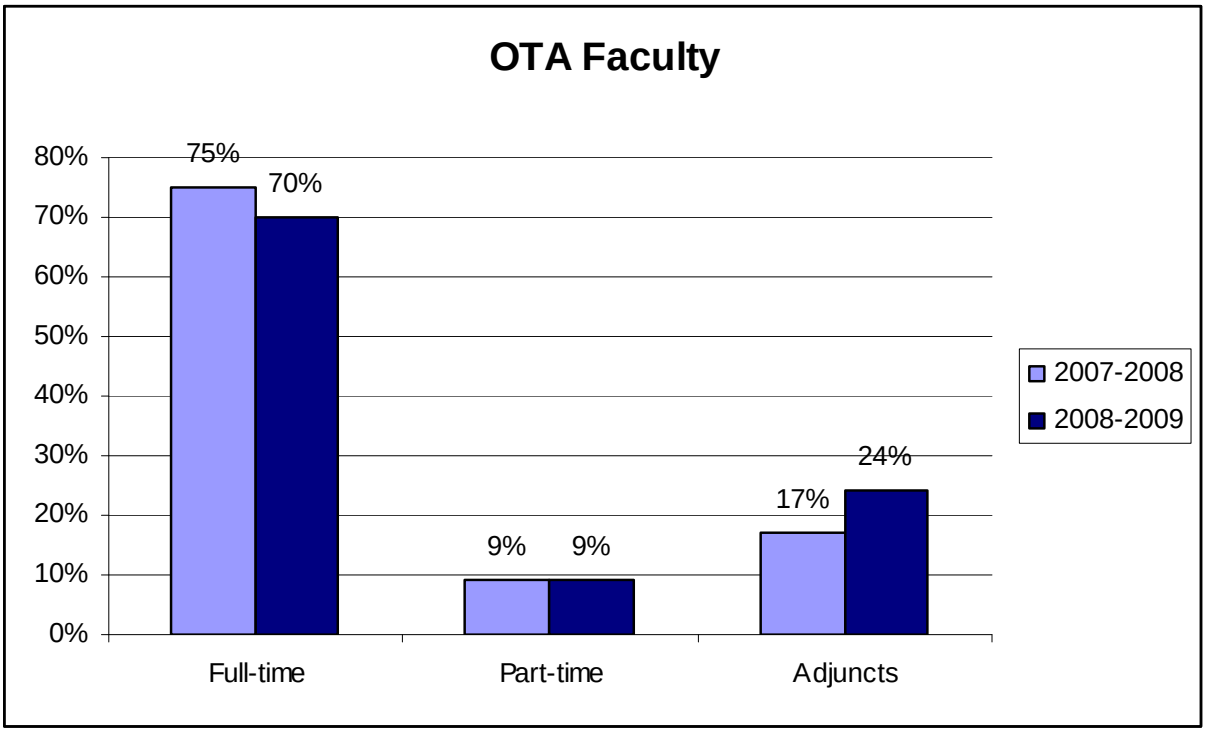


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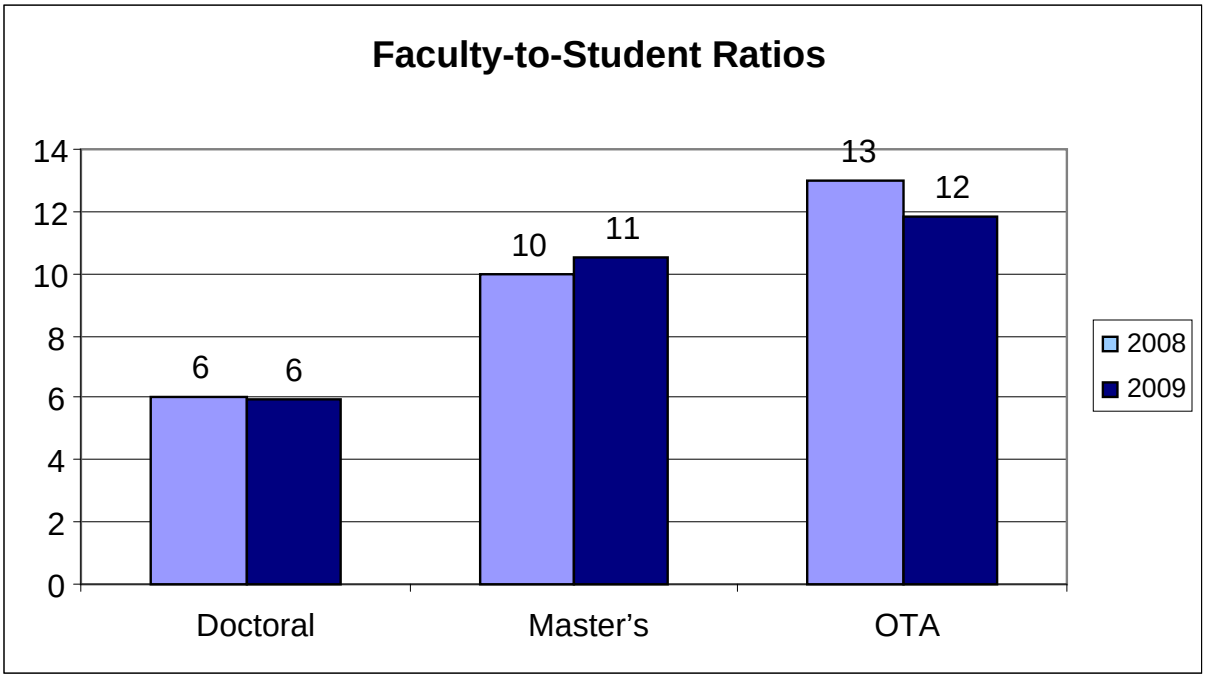


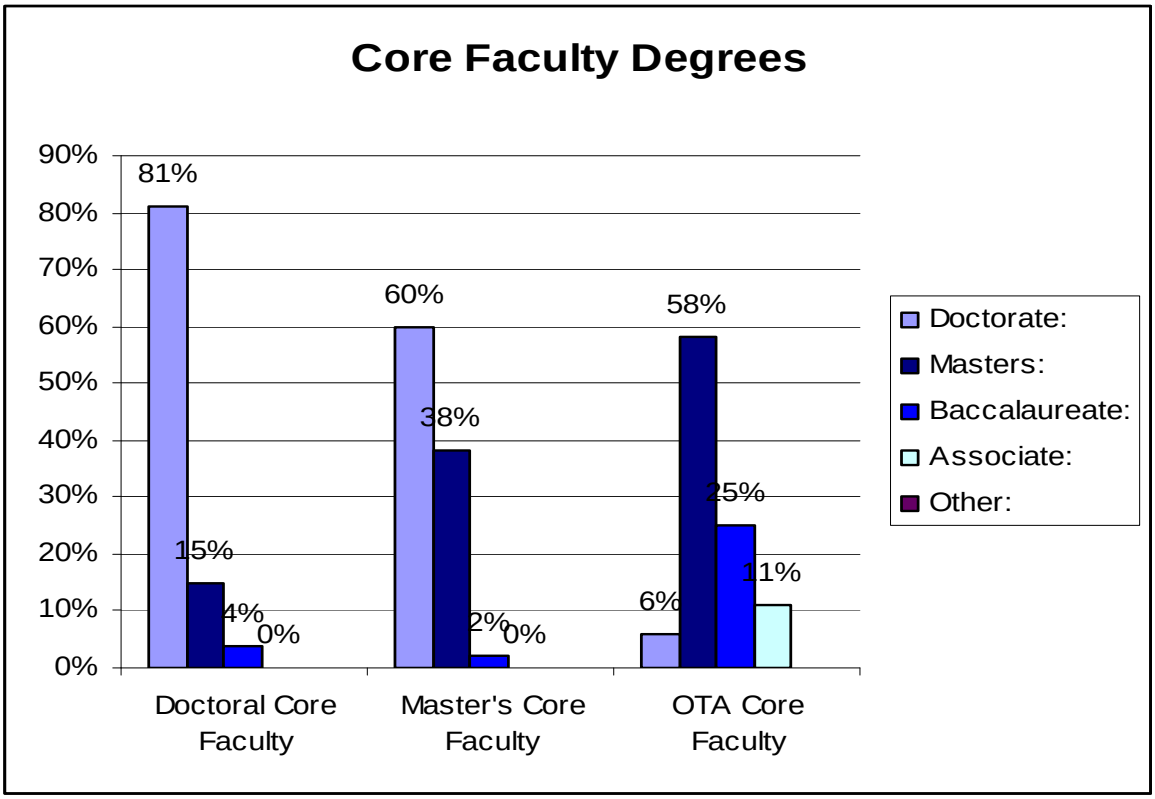
| Faculty members-to-student ratios: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Total Faculty FTE's | Total # Students | Faculty: Student Ratio |
| Doctoral | 51 | 303 | 1:06 |
| Master's | 1,255 | 13,187 | 1:11 |
| OTA | 467 | 5,531 | 1:12 |

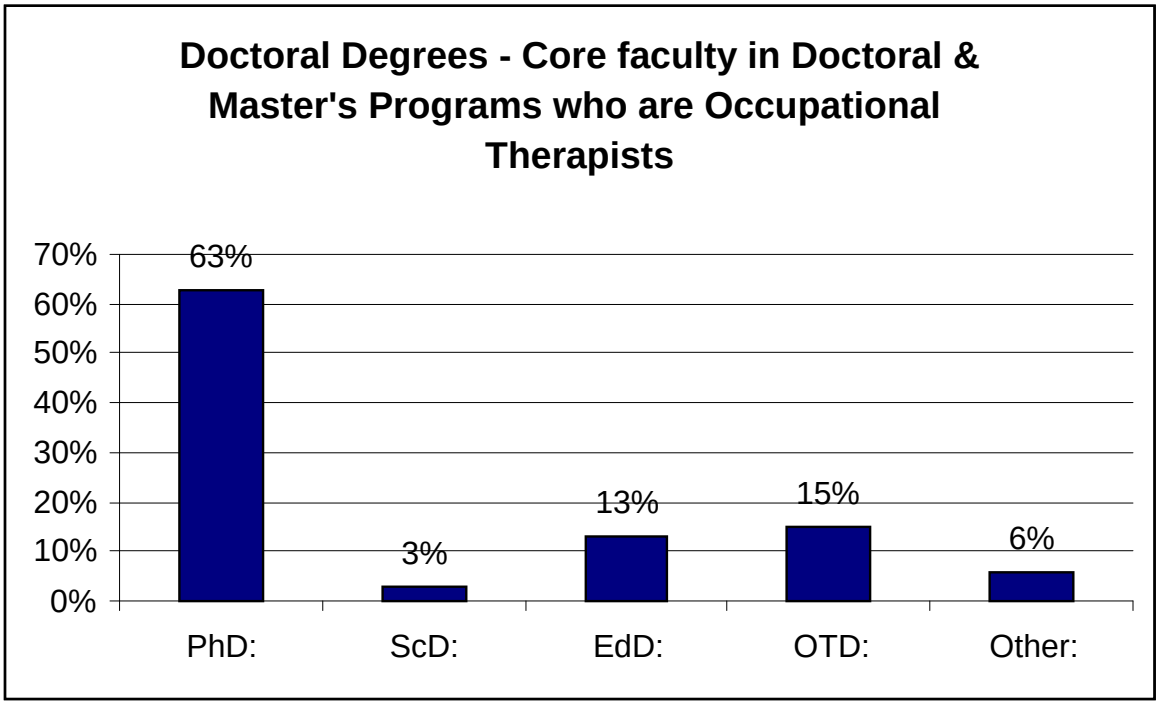
| Programs offering doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Average |
| Lecture (n=5) | 1:5 | 1:35 | 1:24 |
| Lab (n=5) | 1:5 | 1:18 | 1:13 |

| Programs offering master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Average |
| Lecture (n=142) | 1:7 | 1:55 | 1:28 |
| Lab (n=142) | 1:7 | 1:35 | 1:15 |

| Programs for occupational therapy assistant students: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Average |
| Lecture (n=127) | 1:8 | 1:35 | 1:21 |
| Lab (n=127) | 1:5 | 1:27 | 1:13 |

**Core faculty highest degree level:**



# Section V. Outcomes

**Certification exam first-time new graduate pass rates:**

| | OT | | | OTA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2005-2006 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2005-2006 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| Passed | 2308 | 7454 | 8310 | 1172 | 4185 | 4659 |
| Candidates | 2647 | 8484 | 9544 | 1352 | 4757 | 5410 |
| Percentage | 87.20 | 87.86 | 87.07 | 86.70 | 87.98 | 86.12 |

**Retention rates:**

| Retention Rates: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Average |
| Doctoral (n=5) | 70.0 | 99.0 | 91.9 |
| Masters (n=140) | 54.0 | 100.0 | 93.7 |
| OTA (n=121) | 43.0 | 100.0 | 81.3 |

## Job Placement:

| Doctoral-degree level programs preparing students for entry into practice as an occupational therapist: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Employed at graduation | 2 | 40 |
| 1–2 weeks | 2 | 40 |
| 3–4 weeks | 1 | 0 |
| 5–6 weeks | 0 | 0 |
| 7–8 weeks | 0 | 0 |
| More than 8 weeks | 0 | 0 |
| Unable to respond | 1 | 20 |
| Total | 5 | 100 |

| Masters-degree level programs preparing students for entry into practice as an occupational therapist: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Employed at graduation | 22 | 15 |
| 1–2 weeks | 25 | 18 |
| 3–4 weeks | 44 | 31 |
| 5–6 weeks | 19 | 13 |
| 7–8 weeks | 3 | 2 |
| More than 8 weeks | 2 | 1 |
| Unable to respond | 27 | 19 |
| Total | 142 | 100 |

| Programs preparing students for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Frequency | Percent |
| Employed at graduation | 11 | 9 |
| 1–2 weeks | 14 | 11 |
| 3–4 weeks | 38 | 29 |
| 5–6 weeks | 26 | 20 |
| 7–8 weeks | 15 | 12 |
| More than 8 weeks | 10 | 8 |
| Unable to respond | 15 | 12 |
| Total | 129 | 100 |