



Academic Programs Annual Data Report

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Section I: Programs

Number of accredited programs

	OT Doctorate	OT Master	OTA Bachelor	OTA Associate
Accredited	36	127	0	217
Candidate	46	12	1	11
Applicant	90	19	10	16
Total	172	158	11	244

Notes:

Accredited: The academic program is accredited by ACOTE®.

Candidate: The program has been granted Candidate Program status 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.

The Master's/Associate's total does NOT include programs that will be closing once transition to Doctorate/Bachelor's is completed.

Number of additional locations:

	OT Doctorate	OT Master	OTA Bachelor	OTA Associate
Accredited	0	11	0	3
Candidate	4	0	0	2
Applicant	2	1	0	0
Total	6	12	0	5

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

	OT Doctorate	OT Master	OTA Bachelor	OTA Associate
Accredited	36	138	0	230
Candidate	50	12	1	13
Applicant	92	20	10	16
Total	178	170	11	259

Regional distribution of accredited programs:

	OT Doctorate	OT Master	OTA
MW	33%	26%	28%
NE	20%	31%	17%
S	30%	32%	45%
W	17%	11%	11%
other	0%	1%	0%
	100%	100%	100%

Regional distribution of applicant/candidate programs

	OT Doctorate	OT Master	OTA Bachelor	OTA Associate
MW	23%	12%	43%	28%
NE	26%	33%	21%	16%
S	34%	27%	36%	20%
W	16%	24%	0%	36%
other	1%	3%	0%	0%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

Post–entry-level professional degree programs offered at institutions housing entry-level OT programs:

Program	Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	Master of Science (MS)	Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
	12	19	55

Section II: Program Formats

Primary Format

Doctorate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday: Traditional full-time format only	31	86%
Other format options: Weekend, evenings, blended	5	14%
Total	36	100%

Master-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students*:		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday: Traditional full-time format only	105	76%
Other formats: Weekend, evenings, blended	33	24%
Total	138	100%

Programs for occupational therapy assistant students*:		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday: Traditional full-time format only	172	79%
Other formats: Weekend, evenings, blended	45	21%
Total	217	100%

* Note: A number of programs offer multiple tracks with different formats.

Percentage of programs offered by distance education:

Doctorate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	13	36%
1%–24%	16	45%
25%–49%	3	8%
50%–74%	4	11%
Total	36	100%

Master-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	45	35%
1%–24%	58	50%
25%–49%	10	6%
50%–74%	10	6%
75%–100%	4	3%
Total	127	100%

Programs for occupational therapy assistant students:		
	Frequency	Percent
0%	106	50%
1%–24%	80	37%
25%–49%	19	9%
50%–74%	10	5%
75%–100%	2	<1%
Total	217	100%

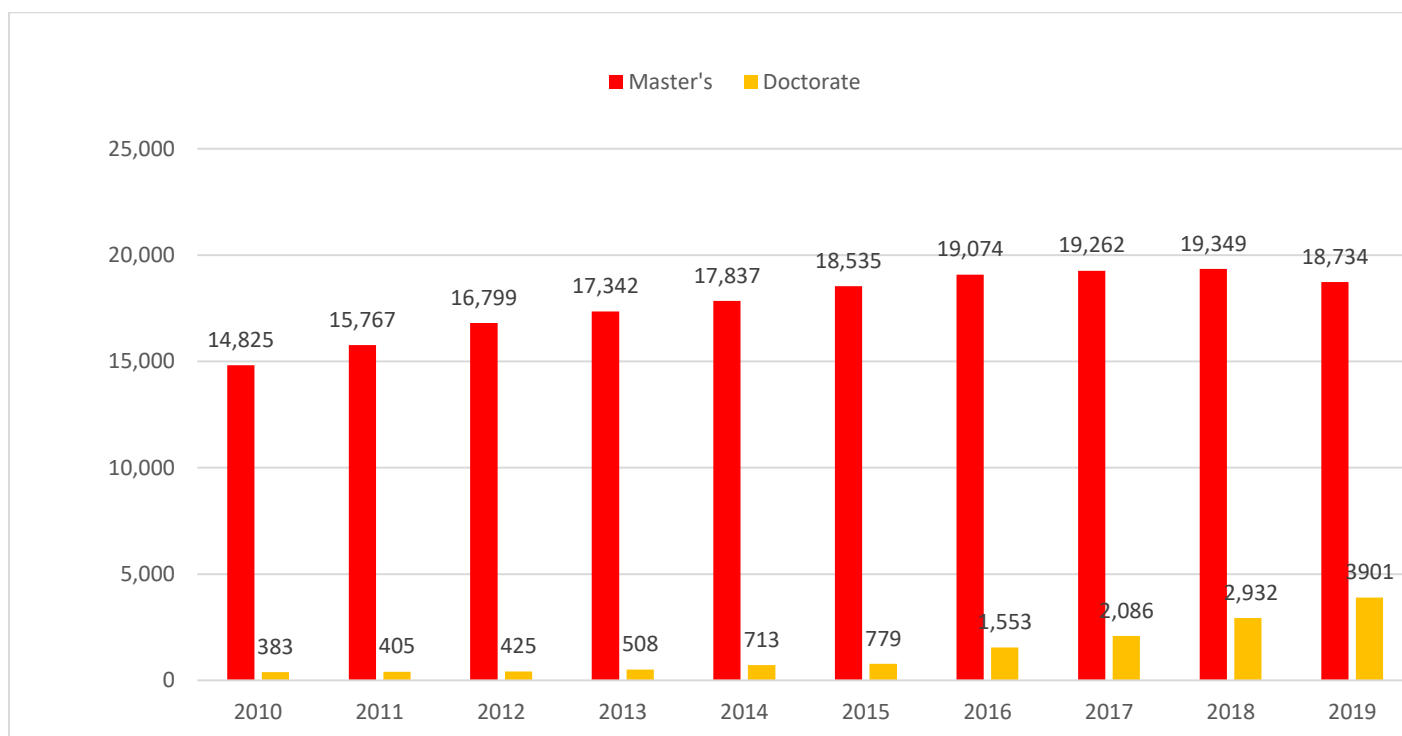
Section III: Students

Number of students currently enrolled:

Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapist:		
Master	18,743	83%
Doctorate	3,901	17%
Total	22,644	100%

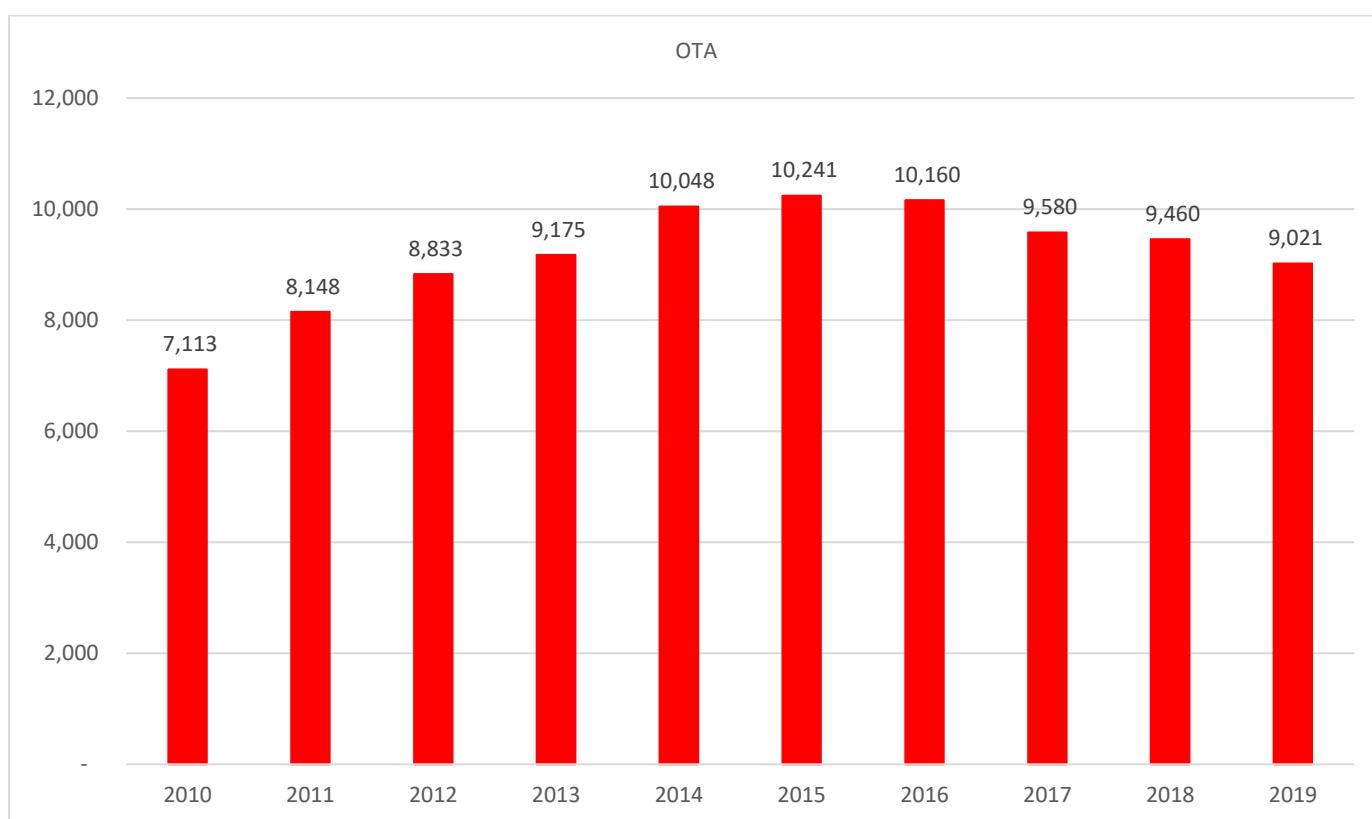
Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant:		
Total	9,021	100%

Trends in enrollment: OT student enrollment:



Number of students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapist:										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Master	14,825	15,767	16,799	17,342	17,837	18,535	19,074	19,262	19,349	18,734
Doctorate	383	405	425	508	713	779	1,553	2,086	2,932	3,901
Total	15,208	16,172	17,224	17,850	18,550	19,314	20,627	21,348	22,281	22,635

Trends in enrollment: OTA student enrollment:



Number of students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant:										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	7,113	8,148	8,833	9,175	10,048	10,241	10,160	9,580	9,460	9,021

Applications:

Doctorate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted
2015	299	1,973	288
2016	595	3,066	549
2017	765	3,862	702
2018	1,128	5,660	1,067
2019	1,550	7,028	1,380

Master-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted
2015	7,181	45,083	7,084
2016	7,395	44,934	7,236
2017	7,436	42,661	7,327
2018	7,531	41,052	7,147
2019	7,256	34,135	6,835

Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:			
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted
2015	7,608	14,372	6,428
2016	8,129	14,861	6,548
2017	7,301	13,793	6,137
2018	7,489	12,736	6,068
2019	7,407	11,183	5,848

Ethnicity—Percent of enrolled students who self-identify as Hispanic:

Self-identified ethnicity of doctorate-degree-level students		
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
2014	4%	96%
2015	3%	96%
2016	4%	96%
2017	3%	97%
2018	4%	96%
2019	3%	97%

Self-identified ethnicity of master-degree-level students		
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
2014	6%	94%
2015	6%	94%
2016	6%	94%
2017	7%	93%
2018	7%	93%
2019	8%	92%

Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students		
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
2014	11%	89%
2015	11%	89%
2016	11%	89%
2017	13%	87%
2018	13%	87%
2019	14%	86%

Race–Percent of enrolled students who self-identified:

	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Other
Doctorate	<1%	10%	4%	<1%	75%	11%
Master	<1%	7%	5%	<1%	77%	10%
OTA	<1%	6%	11%	1%	71%	10%

Race–2010 versus 2019

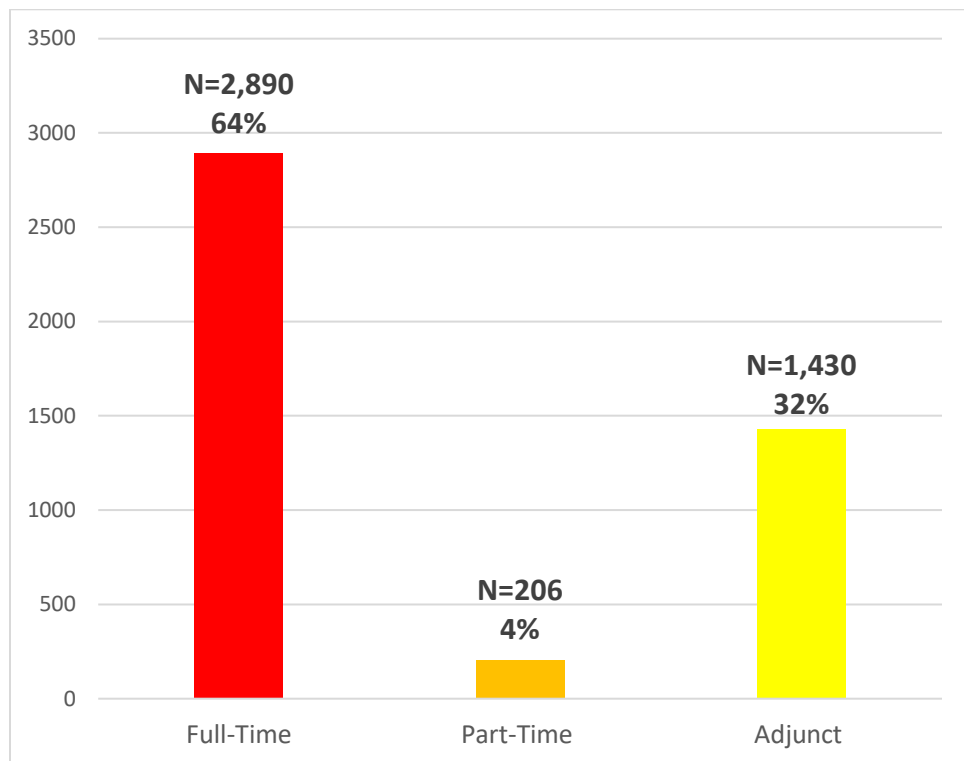
	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black or African American		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Missing/ Other	
	2010	2019	2010	2019	2010	2019	2010	2019	2010	2019	2010	2019
Doctorate	0%	<1%	4%	10%	4%	4%	0%	<1%	88%	75%	4%	11%
Master	0%	<1%	5%	7%	6%	5%	1%	<1%	86%	77%	1%	10%
OTA	1%	<1%	2%	6%	13%	11%	1%	1%	82%	71%	2%	10%

Gender:

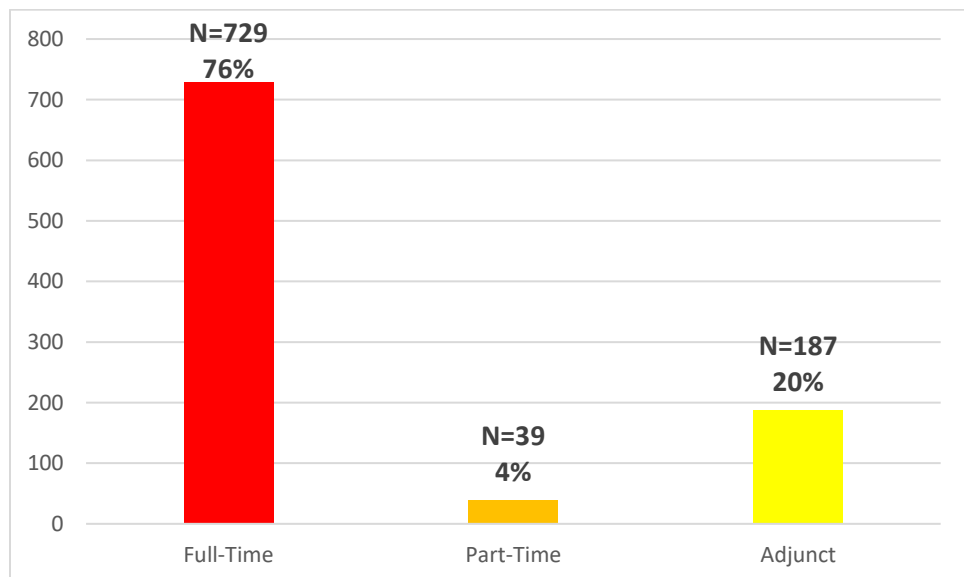
Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students			
	Female		Male
Doctorate	91%		9%
Master	89%		10%
OTA	85%		14%

Section IV: Faculty

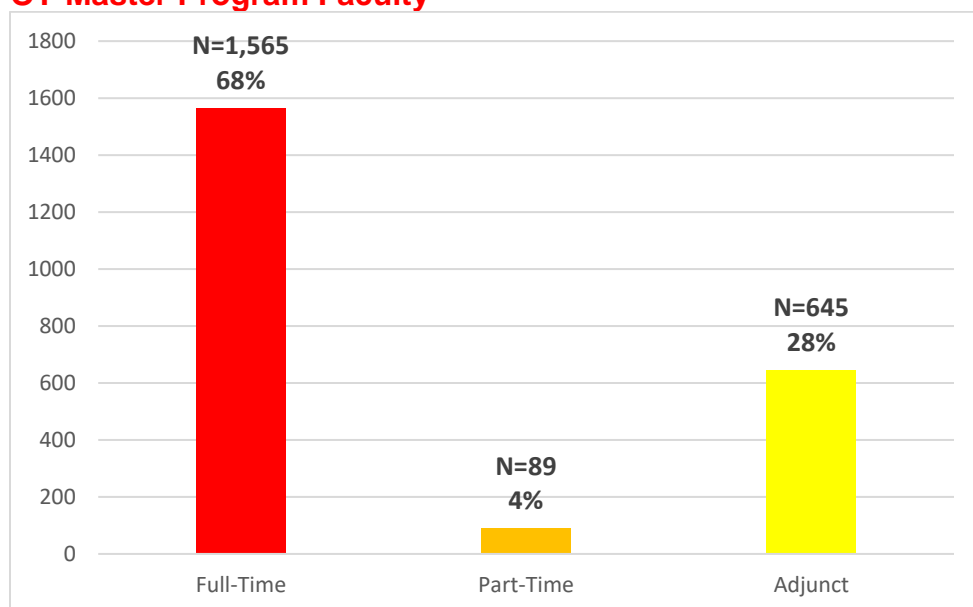
All Faculty:



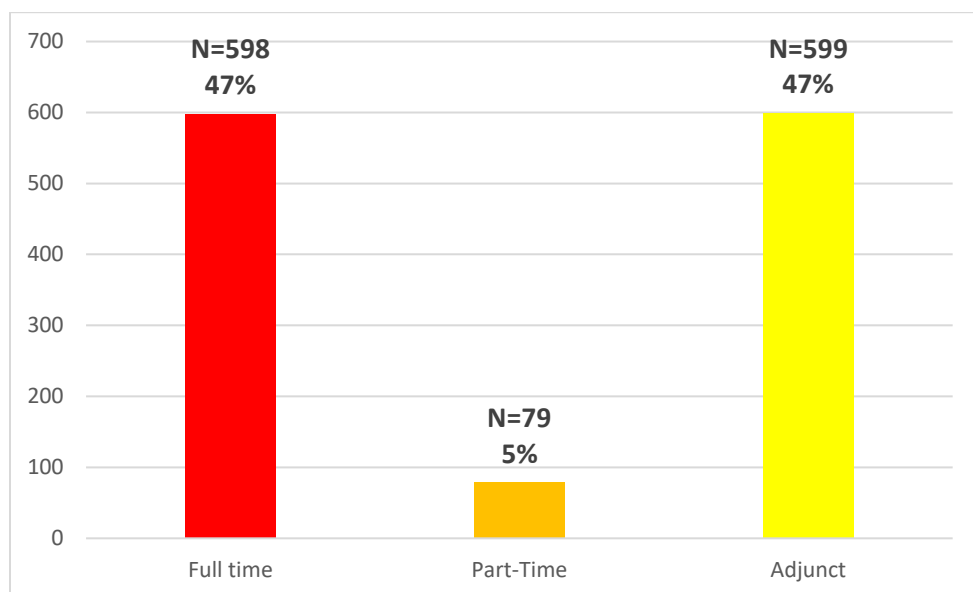
OT-Doctorate Program Faculty



OT-Master Program Faculty



OTA Program Faculty:



Faculty: Student ratios in labs:

Doctorate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lab	1:9	1:22	1:14

Master-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lab	1:7	1:30	1:14

Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lab	1:2	1:22	1:12

Faculty Ethnicity:

Self-identified ethnicity of faculty members		
Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	No Response
187 (4%)	4,018 (82%)	168 (4%)

Faculty Race:

No Response	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Other
155 (3%)	12 (<1%)	258 (6%)	259 (6%)	12 (<1%)	3,707 (82%)	123 (3%)

Faculty Gender:

Self-identified gender of faculty members		
Female	Male	Other
3,909 (86%)	594 (13%)	23 (1%)

Section V: Outcomes

Program Retention Rates:

Retention Rates:			
	Doctorate	Master	OTA
2014	96%	97%	85%
2015	98%	96%	85%
2016	98%	97%	83%
2017	98%	97%	85%
2018	98%	97%	86%
2019	98%	96%	85%

Program Graduates:

Number of graduates:			
	Doctorate	Master	OTA
2014	136	5,875	4,914
2015	184	6,153	5,020
2016	221	6,485	5,472
2017	396	6,846	4,939
2018	591	7,183	4,860
2019	908	7,224	4,969

Program fieldwork Level II pass rates:

FW Level II Pass Rates:			
	Placements	Passed	%
Doctoral	2,242	2,215	99%
Master	14,270	14,017	98%
Associate	8,966	8,737	97%

Certification exam new graduate pass rates:

Occupational therapy graduates:							
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Passed	5,268	5,715	5,948	6,448	6,882	7,556	7,745
Candidates	5,396	5,848	6,052	6,549	6,987	7,431	7,927
Percentage	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%

(2016: OT Master = 98%, OT Doctorate = 100%)

(2017: OT Master = 98%; OT Doctorate = 100%)

(2018: OT Master = 98%; OT Doctorate = 99%)

(2019: OT Master = 98%; OT Doctorate = 99%)

Occupational therapy assistant graduates:							
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Passed	4,028	4,206	4,488	4,495	4,566	4,256	4,152
Candidates	4,236	4,512	4,905	4,839	5,083	4,652	4,665
Percentage	95%	93%	91%	93%	91%	91%	89%

Employment:

Employment as reported by programs:			
Percent of graduates employed in OT/OTA position within 6 months of graduation.	Number of Doctoral OT	Number of Master OT	Number of OTA
1%–24%	1	10	8
25%–49%	1	13	27
50%–74%	5	17	46
75%–100%	16	126	146

NOTE: A total of 15 Doctoral, 6 Master's, and 7 Associate programs had no graduates in the reporting period.

Starting Salary:

Average starting salary as reported by programs:			
Average Salary Range	Number Doctoral OT	Number of Master OT	Number of OTA
0–\$20,000	0	3	2
\$20,001–\$40,000	0	29	48
\$40,001–\$60,000	1	37	150
\$60,001–\$ 80,000	16	127	11
\$80,001–\$100,000	4	6	0

NOTE: A total of 15 Doctoral, 5 Master's, and 9 OTA programs had no graduates in the reporting period.

About AOTA

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