



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	47	129	1	218
Candidate	60	10	4	10
Applicant	79	26	11	15
Total	186	165	16	243

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 Masters/ Associate total does NOT include programs that will be closing once transition to Doctorate/ Bachelors 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	47	140	1	231
Candidate	64	10	4	12
Applicant	81	27	11	15
Total	192	177	16	258

Regional distribution of accredited programs

	OT Doctorate	OT Master	OTA
MW	33%	26%	28%
NE	20%	30%	17%
S	30%	32%	44%
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%	28%	36%	20%
W	16%	24%	0%	36%
other	1%	3%	0%	0%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

Section II: Program Formats

Primary Format

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday- Traditional full-time format only	33	72%
Other format options: weekend, evenings, blended	13	28%
Total	46	100%

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students*:		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday: Traditional full-time format only	141	81%
Other formats: weekend, evenings, blended	33	19%
Total	174	100%

Programs for occupational therapy assistant students*		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday: Traditional full-time format only	161	74%
Other formats: weekend, evenings, blended	57	26%
Total	218	100%

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

Percentage of programs offered by distance education

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	16	36%
1%–24%	20	44%
25%–49%	4	9%
50%–74%	6	11%
Total	46	100%

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	54	31%
1%–24%	84	49%
25%–49%	12	7%
50%–74%	15	9%
75%–100%	8	4%
Total	173	100%

Programs for occupational therapy assistant students		
	Frequency	Percent
0%	94	42%
1%–24%	78	35%
25%–49%	22	10%
50%–74%	19	9%
75%–100%	8	4%
Total	221	100%

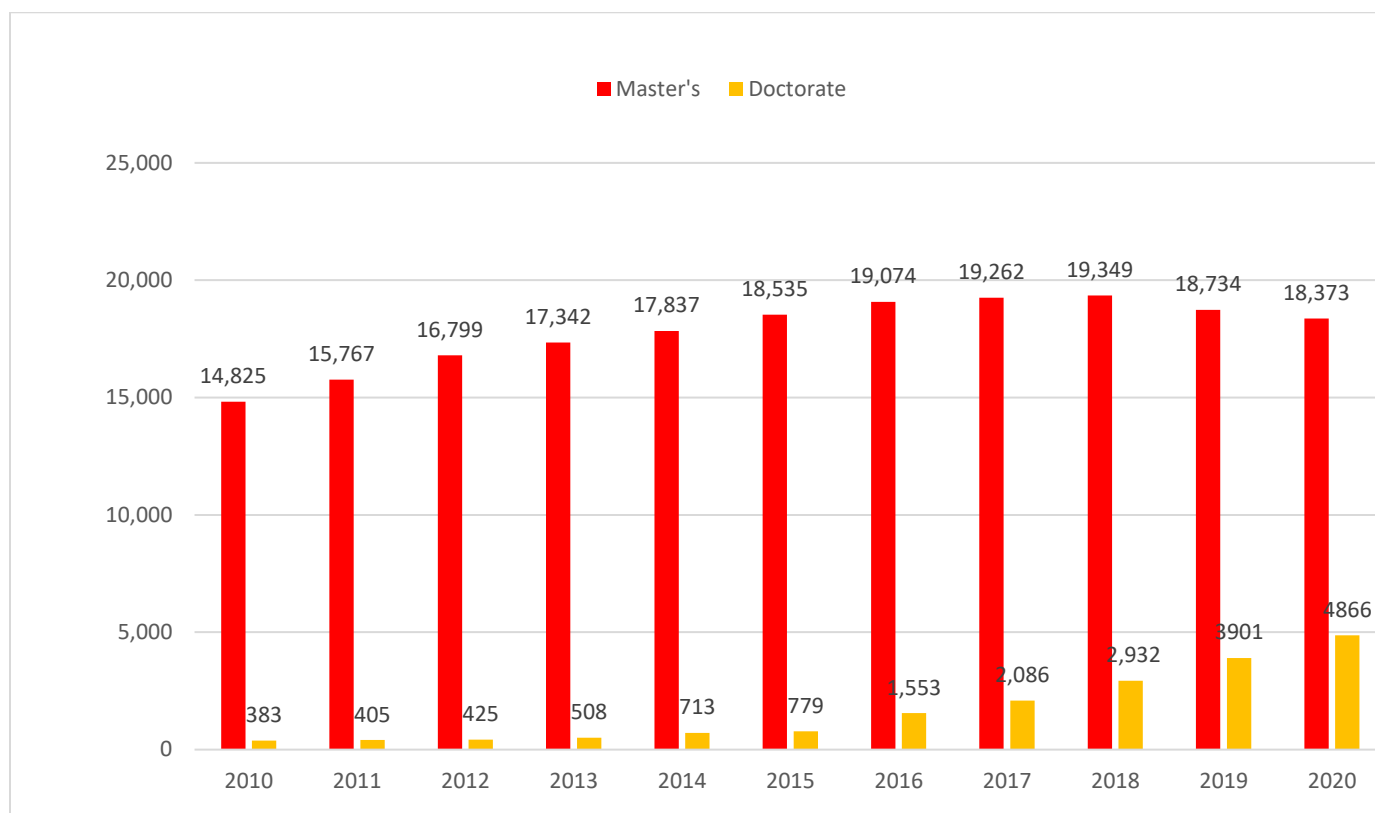
Section III: Students

Number of students currently enrolled

Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapist		
Master	18,373	81%
Doctorate	4,866	19%
Total	23,239	100%

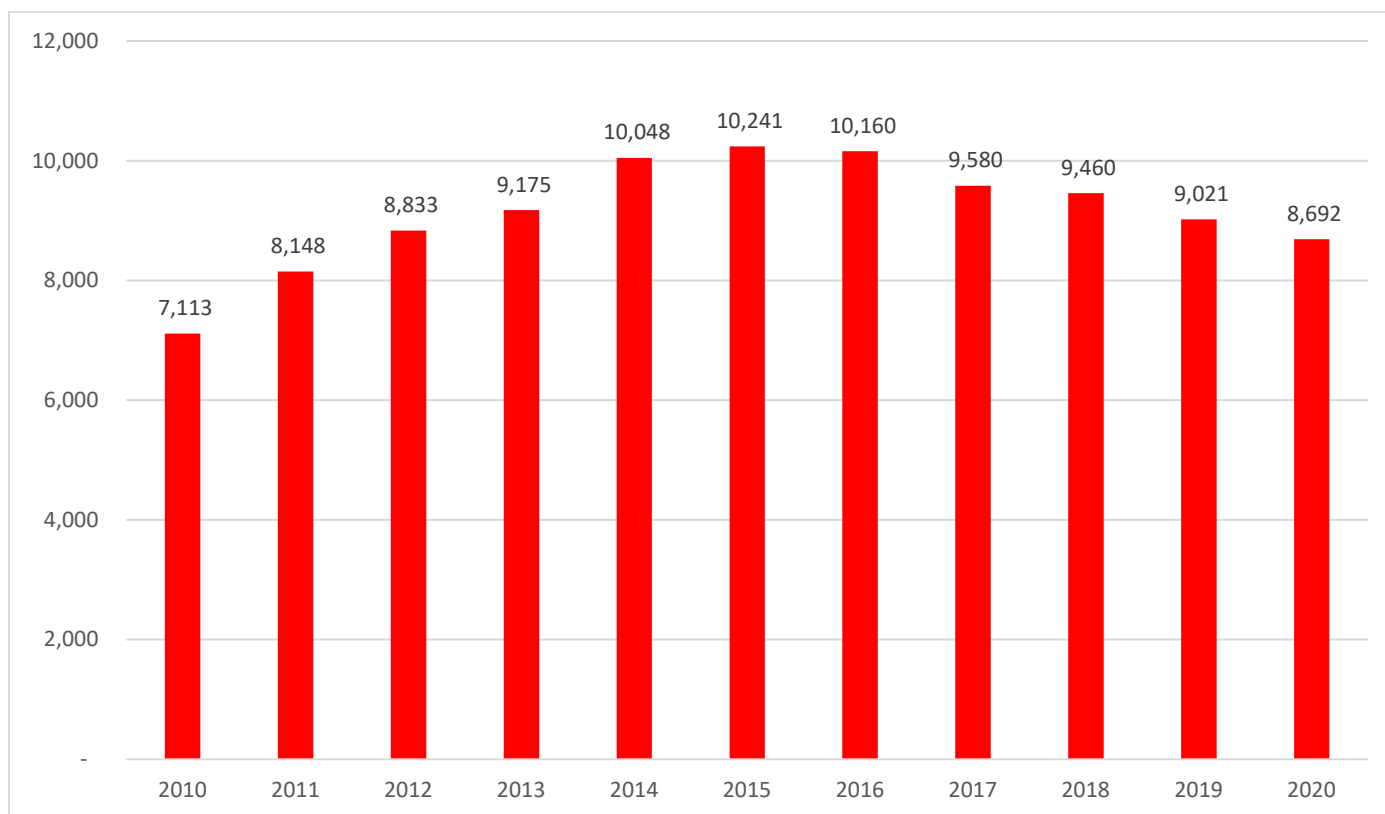
Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant		
Total	8,692	100%

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	2020
Master	14,825	15,767	16,799	17,342	17,837	18,535	19,074	19,262	19,349	18,734	18,373
Doctorate	383	405	425	508	713	779	1,553	2,086	2,932	3,901	4,866
Total	15,208	16,172	17,224	17,850	18,550	19,314	20,627	21,348	22,281	5	23,239

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	2019
Total	7,113	8,148	8,833	9,175	10,048	10,241	10,160	9,580	9,460	9,021	8,692

Applications:

Doctoral-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
2020	1,836	7,560	1,649

Master's-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
2020	6,997	27,839	6,376

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
2020	7,193	9,889	5,130

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

Self-identified ethnicity of doctoral-degree-level students			
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other
2014	4%	96%	
2015	3%	97%	
2016	4%	96%	
2017	3%	97%	
2018	4%	96%	
2019	3%	97%	
2020	7%	90%	3%

Self-identified ethnicity of master's-degree-level students			
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other
2014	6%	94%	
2015	6%	94%	
2016	6%	94%	
2017	7%	93%	
2018	7%	93%	
2019	8%	92%	
2020	8%	87%	5%

Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students			
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other
2014	11%	89%	
2015	11%	89%	
2016	11%	89%	
2017	13%	87%	
2018	13%	87%	
2019	14%	86%	
2020	14%	82%	4%

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	Missing/ Other
Doctoral	<1%	8%	5%	<1%	73%	13%
Master’s	<1%	7%	6%	<1%	77%	9%
OTA	<1%	5%	11%	<1%	70%	12%

Race–2010 versus 2020

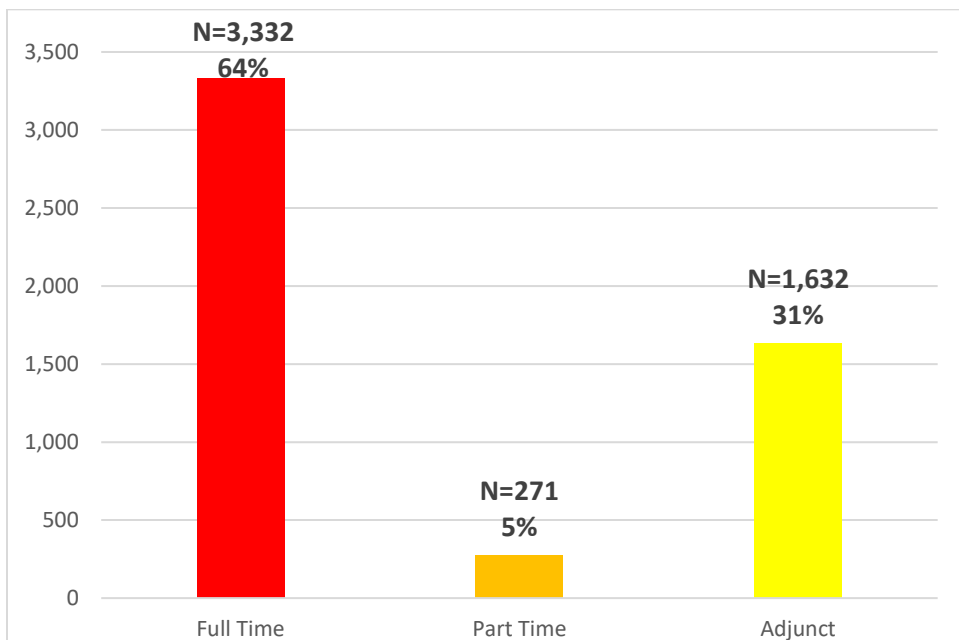
	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black or African American		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Missing/ Other	
	2010	2020	2010	2020	2010	2020	2010	2020	2010	2020	2010	2020
Doctorate	0%	<1%	4%	8%	4%	5%	0%	<1%	88%	73%	4%	13%
Master	0%	<1%	5%	7%	6%	6%	1%	<1%	86%	77%	1%	9%
OTA	1%	<1%	2%	5%	13%	11%	1%	<1%	82%	70%	2%	12%

Gender

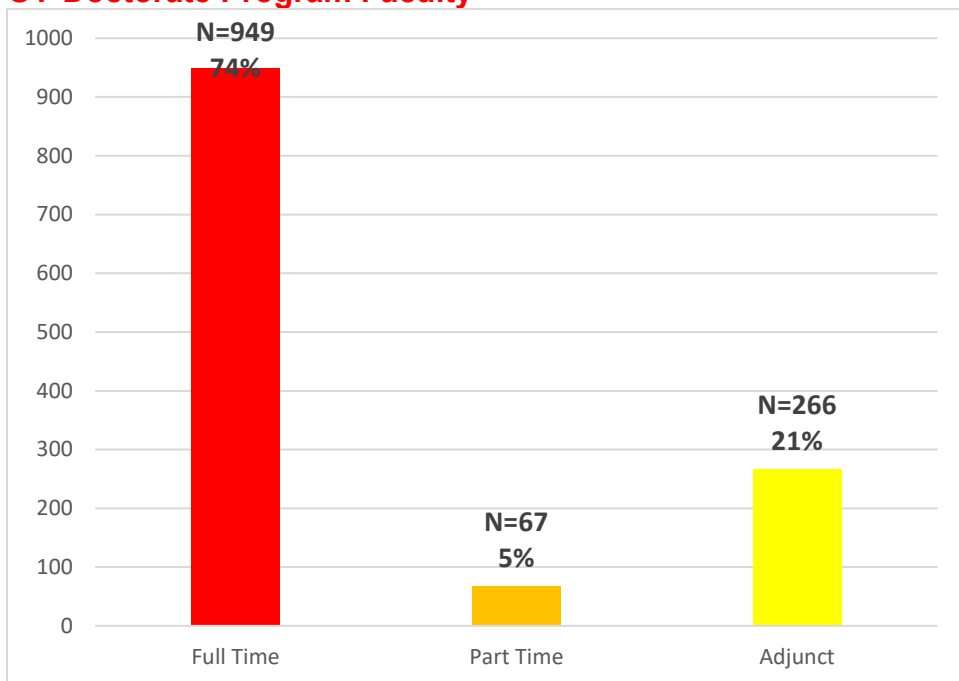
Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students			
	Female	Male	Other
Doctorate	91%	8%	1%
Master	89%	10%	1%
OTA	85%	14%	1%

Section IV: Faculty

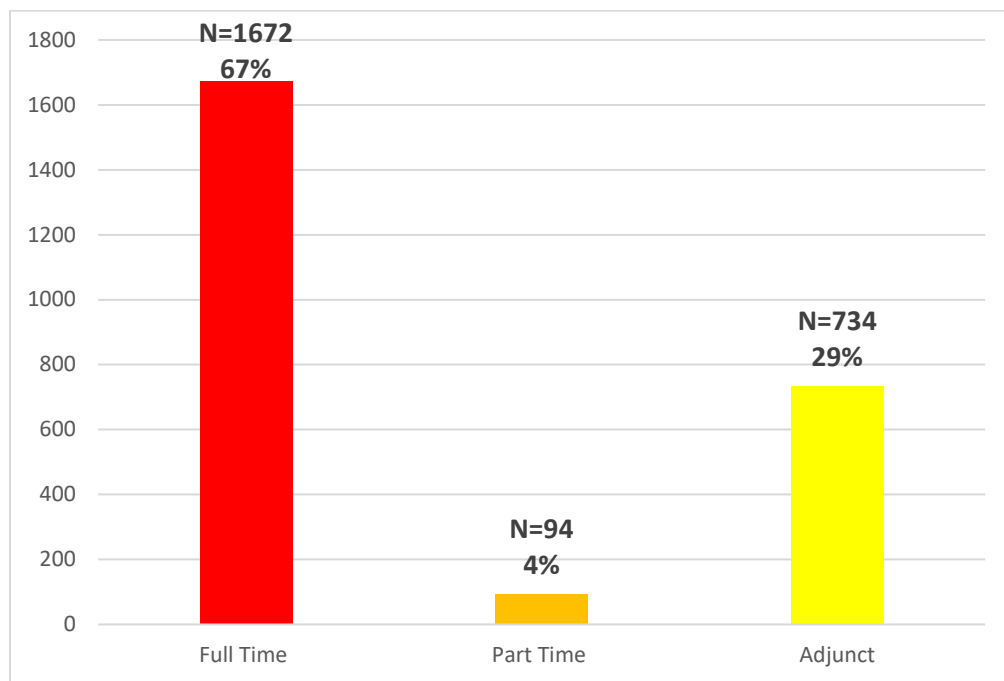
All Faculty



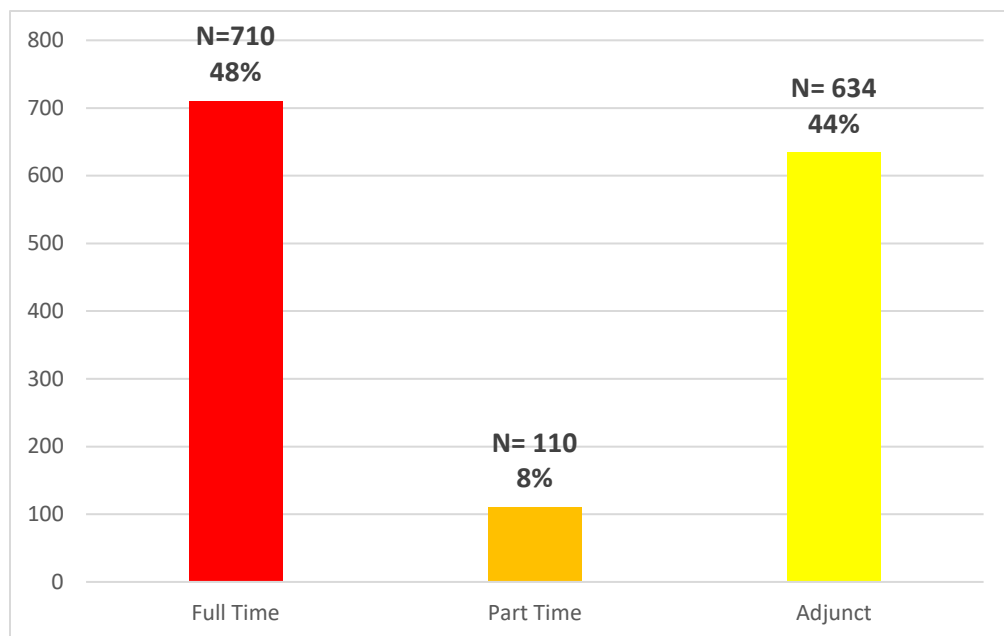
OT-Doctorate Program Faculty



OT-Master Program Faculty



OTA Program Faculty:



Faculty: Student ratios in labs

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lab	1:6	1:23	1:14

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lab	1:4	1:23	1:14

Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lab	1:2	1:18	1:10

Faculty Ethnicity

Self-identified ethnicity of faculty members		
Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	No Response
349 (7%)	4,018 (88%)	291 (5%)

Faculty Race

No Response	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Other
290 (6%)	11 (<1%)	292 (6%)	312 (6%)	16 (<1%)	4,171 (79%)	145 (3%)

Faculty Gender

Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students		
Female	Male	Other
4,454 (85%)	720 (14%)	63 (1%)

Section V: Outcomes

Program Retention Rates

Retention Rates:			
	Doctoral	Master's	OTA
2015	98%	96%	85%
2016	98%	97%	83%
2017	98%	97%	85%
2018	98%	97%	86%
2019	98%	96%	85%
2020	98%	96%	80%

Program Graduates

Number of graduates:			
	Doctoral	Master's	OTA
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
2020	1,199	6,273	3,846

Program fieldwork Level II pass rates

FW Level II Pass Rates:				
	Placements	Failed	Withdrawn	Completed / Pass
Doctoral	2,760	22	121	95%
Master's	12,122	89	891	93%
OTA	7,651	138	625	90%

Note: 95+% of withdrawal pandemic related.

Certification exam new graduate pass rates

Occupational therapy graduates:								
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Passed	5,268	5,715	5,948	6,448	6,882	7,556	7,745	7,710
Candidates	5,396	5,848	6,052	6,549	6,987	7,431	7,927	7,947
Percentage	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	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%)

(2020: OT Master = 97%; OT Doctorate = 97%)

Occupational therapy assistant graduates								
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Passed	4,028	4,206	4,488	4,495	4,566	4,256	4,152	3,015
Candidates	4,236	4,512	4,905	4,839	5,083	4,652	4,665	3,524
Percentage	95%	93%	91%	93%	91%	91%	89%	86%

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%	0	4	4
25%–49%	3	9	34
50%–74%	4	19	96
75%–100%	23	132	88

NOTE: A total of 16 Doctoral, 7 Master's, and 7 OTA 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's OT	Number of OTA
0–\$20,000	0	0	3
\$20,001–\$40,000	0	0	49
\$40,001–\$60,000	4	24	151
\$60,001–\$ 80,000	22	133	12
\$80,001–\$100,000	2	6	0
\$100,001-120,000	1	0	0
>120,000	1	0	0

NOTE: A total of 16 Doctoral, 7 Master's and 9 OTA programs had no graduates in the reporting period.



About AOTA

AOTA, founded in 1917 and based in North Bethesda, Md., is the national professional association of approximately 60,000 occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and occupational therapy students. The association, a 501(c)(6) entity, represents 213,000 U.S. occupational therapy practitioners and students.