



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	82	131	1	218
Candidate	71	12	6	8
Applicant	63	24	13	12
Total	216	167	20	238

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/ bachelor's is completed.

Regional distribution of accredited programs (including additional locations):

	OT Doctorate	OT Master	OTA
MW	35%	29%	30%
NE	21%	35%	21%
S	27%	20%	28%
SW	10%	9%	14%
W	7%	7%	7%
other	<1%	<1%	0%
	100%	100%	100%

Section II: Program Formats

Percentage of programs offered by distance education:

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	19	23%
1%–24%	46	56%
25%–49%	7	8%
50%–74%	10	12%
75%–100%	1	1%

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	44	26%
1%–24%	90	54%
25%–49%	10	6%
50%–74%	17	10%
75%–100%	6	4%

Programs for occupational therapy assistant students:		
	Frequency	Percent
0%	81	37%
1%–24%	105	48%
25%–49%	19	9%
50%–74%	12	5%
75%–100%	4	1%

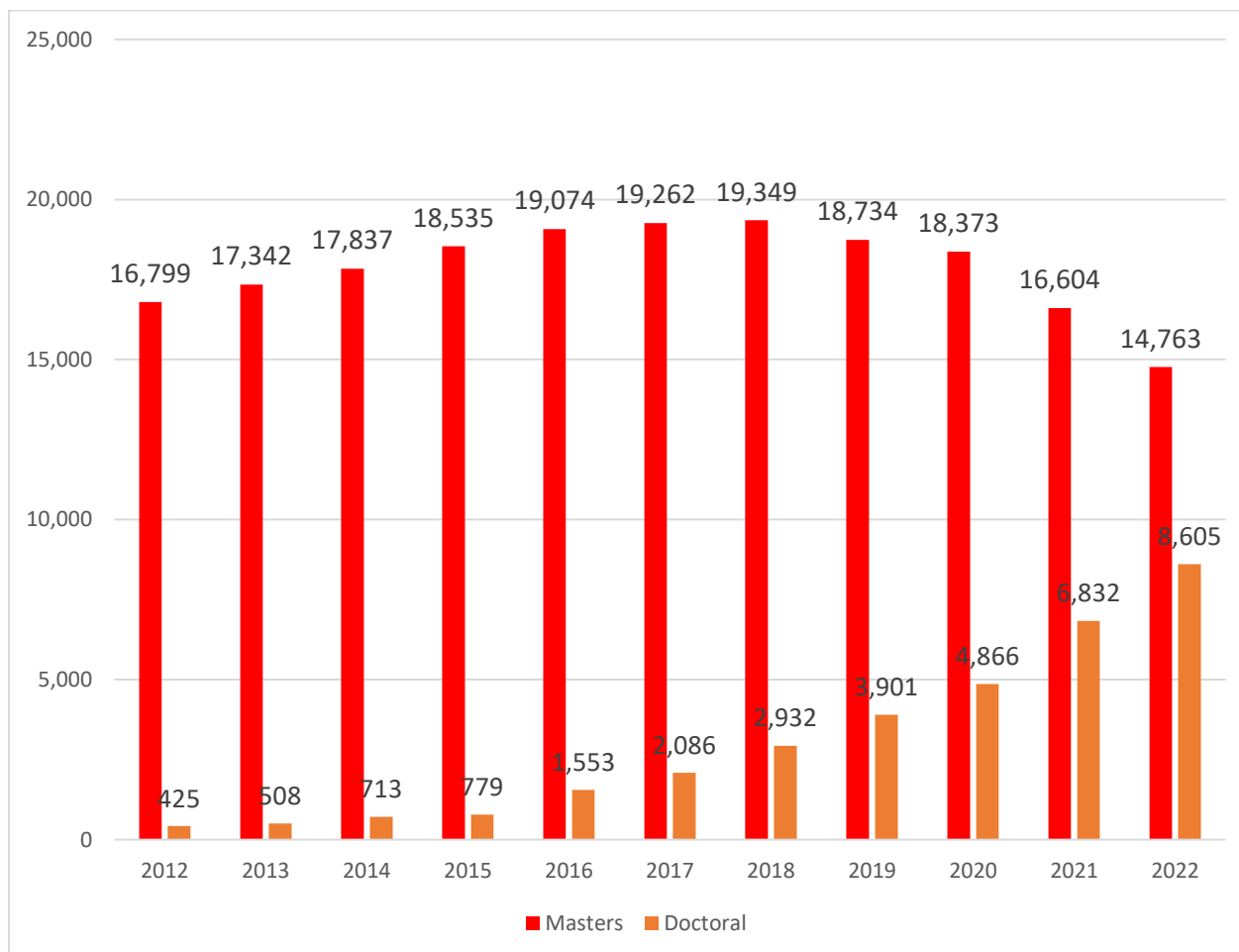
Section III: Students

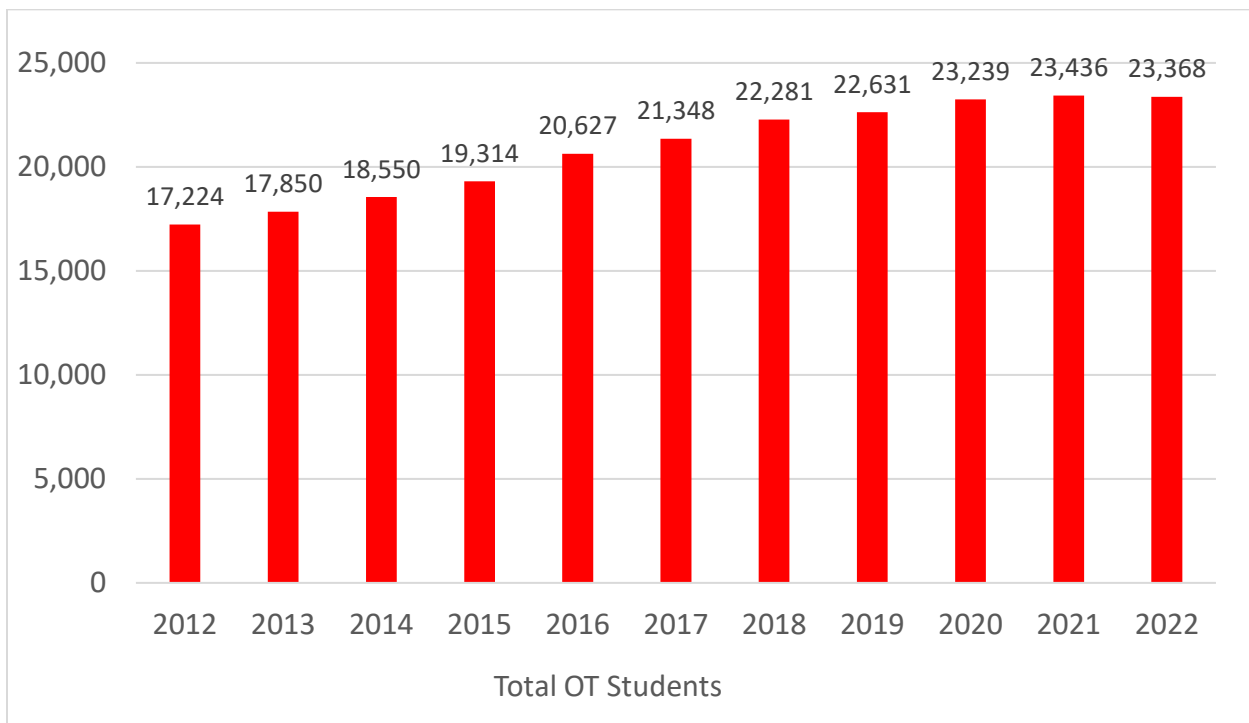
Number of students currently enrolled:

Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapist:		
Master	14,763	63%
Doctorate	8,605	39%
Total	23,368	100%

Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant:		
Total	6,533	100%

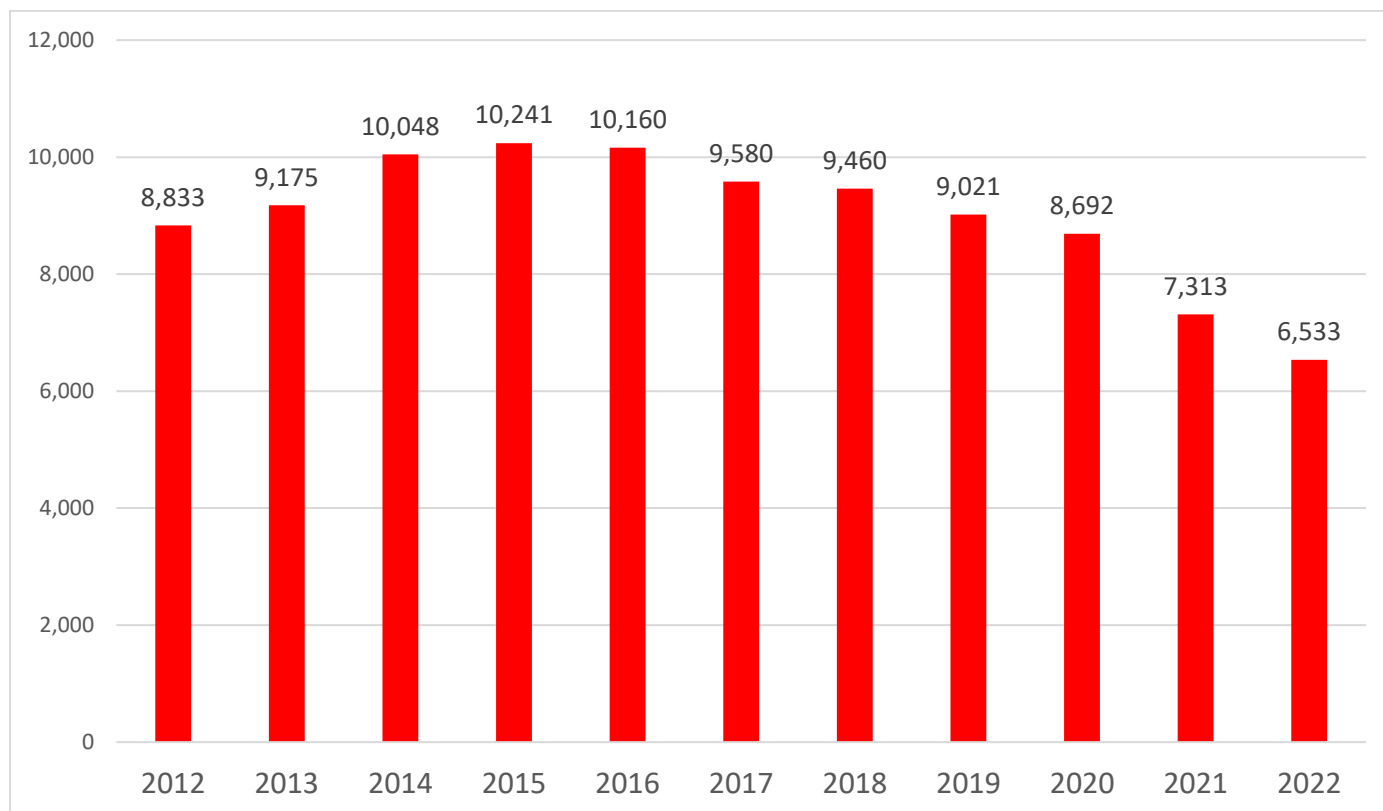
Trends in enrollment: OT student enrollment:





Number of students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapist:											
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Masters	16,799	17,342	17,837	18,535	19,074	19,262	19,349	18,734	18,373	16,604	14,763
Doctoral	425	508	713	779	1,553	2,086	2,932	3,901	4,866	6,832	8,605
Total	17,224	17,850	18,550	19,314	20,627	21,348	22,281	22,631	23,239	23,436	23,368

Trends in enrollment: OTA student enrollment:



Number of students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant:											
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	8,833	9,175	10,048	10,241	10,160	9,580	9,460	9,021	8,692	7,313	6,533

Applications:

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:				
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted	Filled
2016	595	3,066	549	92%
2017	765	3,862	702	92%
2018	1,128	5,660	1,067	95%
2019	1,550	7,028	1,380	89%
2020	1,836	7,560	1,649	90%
2021	2,711	10,361	2,405	89%
2022	3,698	11,991	2,800	76%

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:				
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted	
2016	7,395	44,934	7,236	98%
2017	7,436	42,661	7,327	99%
2018	7,531	41,052	7,147	95%
2019	7,256	34,135	6,835	94%
2020	6,997	27,839	6,376	91%
2021	6,950	26,362	6,137	88%
2022	6,794	18,674	5,182	76%

Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:				
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted	
2016	8,129	14,861	6,548	81%
2017	7,301	13,793	6,137	84%
2018	7,489	12,736	6,068	81%
2019	7,407	11,183	5,848	79%
2020	7,193	9,889	5,130	71%
2021	7,257	8,987	4,747	65%
2022	7,217	9,894	5,135	71%

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

Self-identified ethnicity of doctoral-degree-level students			
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other
2016	4%	96%	
2017	3%	97%	
2018	4%	96%	
2019	3%	97%	
2020	7%	90%	3%
2021	10%	85%	5%
2022	10%	86%	4%

Self-identified ethnicity of master's-degree-level students			
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other
2016	6%	94%	
2017	7%	93%	
2018	7%	93%	
2019	8%	92%	
2020	8%	87%	5%
2021	10%	85%	5%
2022	10%	86%	4%

Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students			
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Other
2016	11%	89%	
2017	13%	87%	
2018	13%	87%	
2019	14%	86%	
2020	14%	82%	4%
2021	17%	80%	3%
2022	18%	78%	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%	6%	<1%	74%	11%
Master's	<1%	8%	8%	<1%	72%	11%
OTA	<1%	6%	11%	1%	67%	15%

Race–2010 versus 2022

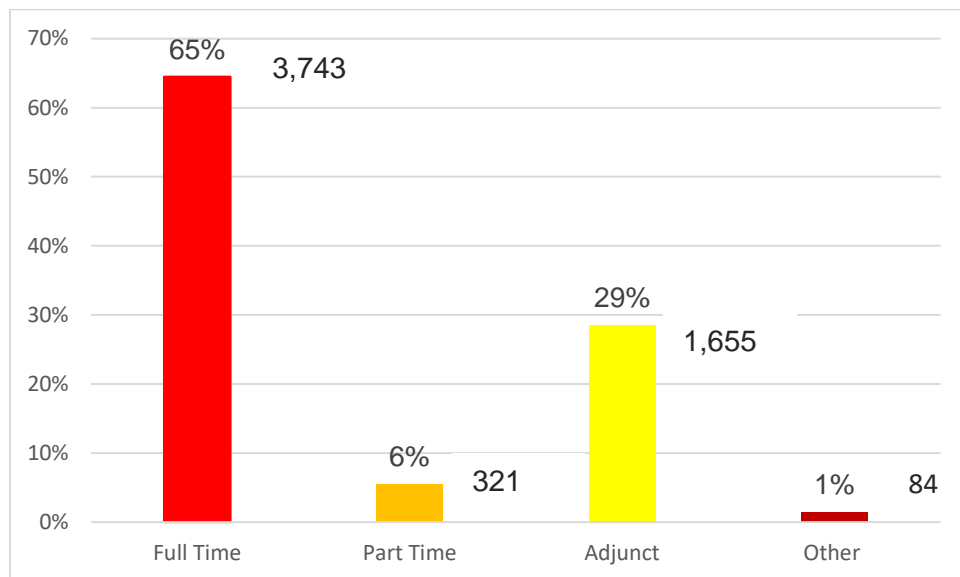
	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black or African American		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Missing/ Other	
	2010	2022	2012	2022	2010	2022	2010	2022	2010	2022	2010	2022
Doctorate	0%	<1%	4%	8%	4%	6%	0%	<1%	88%	74%	4%	11%
Master	0%	<1%	5%	8%	6%	8%	1%	<1%	86%	72%	1%	11%
OTA	1%	<1%	2%	6%	13%	11%	1%	1%	82%	67%	2%	15%

Gender:

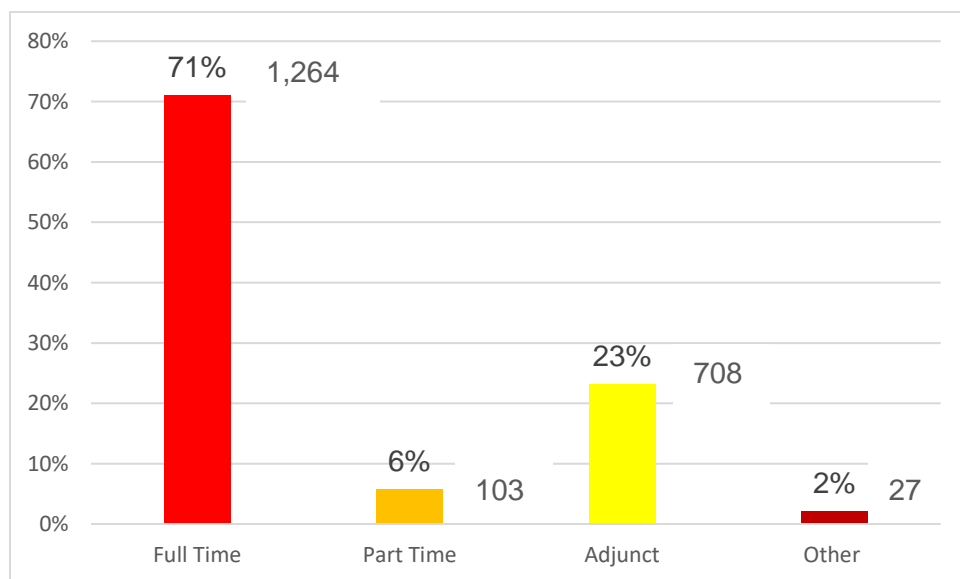
Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students			
	Female		Male
Doctorate	92%		8%
Master	90%		9%
OTA	87%		12%

Section IV: Faculty

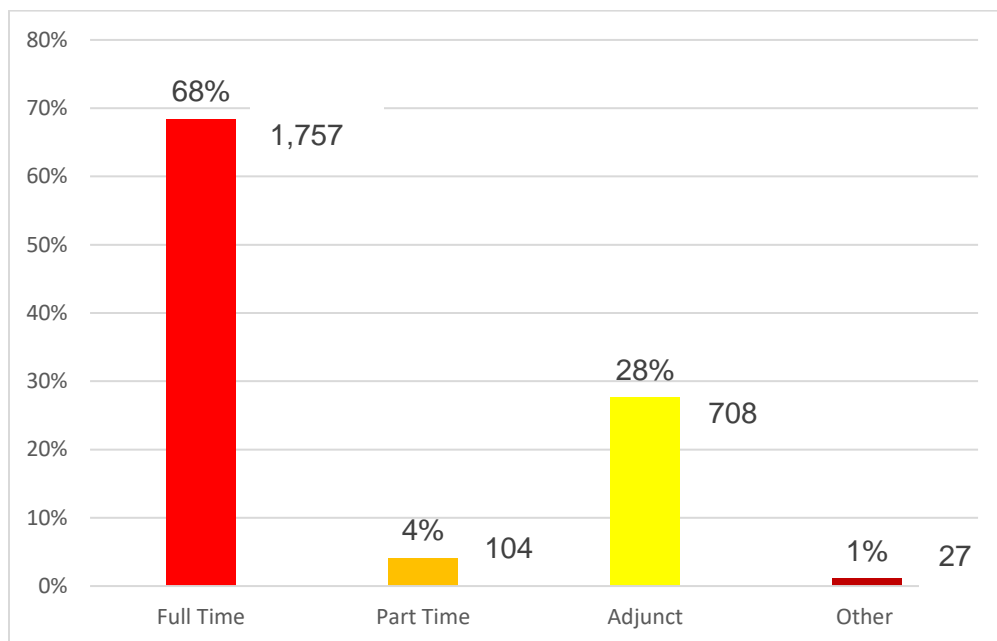
All Faculty: n= 5,803



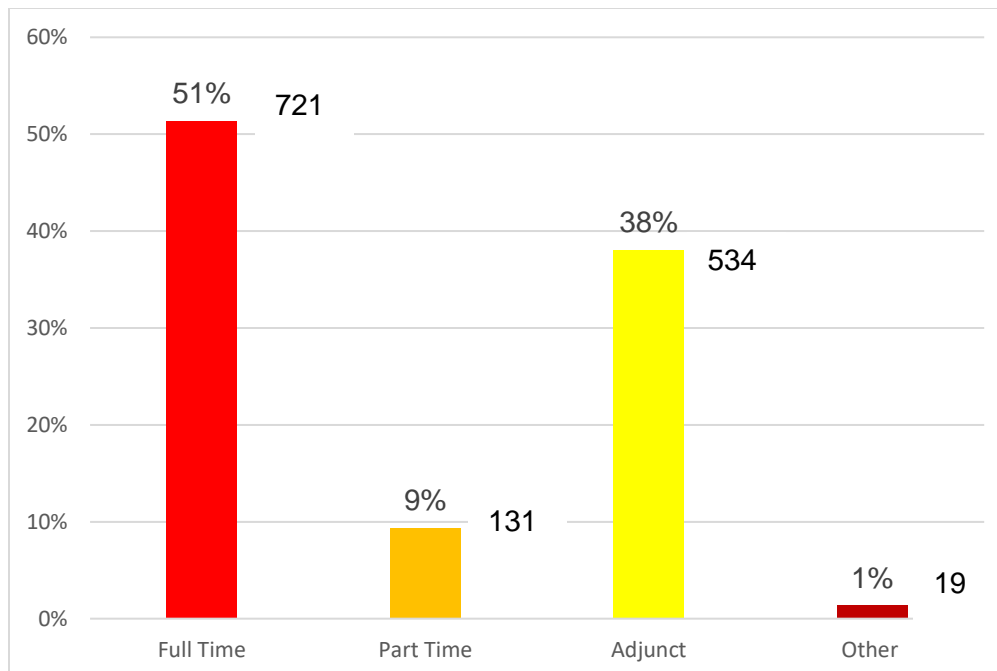
OT-Doctorate Program Faculty: n= 2,102



OT-Master Program Faculty: n= 2,596



OTA Program Faculty: n= 1,405



Faculty Ethnicity:

Self-identified ethnicity of faculty members		
Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	No Response
259 (4.5%)	4,954 (85.5%)	590 (10%)

Faculty Race:

No Response	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Other
603 (10%)	103 (<1%)	320 (6%)	378 (7%)	23 (<1%)	4,329 (75%)	137 (2%)

Faculty Sex:

Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students		
Female	Male	No response
4,919 (85%)	717 (12%)	167 (3%)

Section V: Outcomes

Program Retention Rates:

Retention Rates:			
	Doctoral	Master's	OTA
2016	98%	97%	83%
2017	98%	97%	85%
2018	98%	97%	86%
2019	98%	96%	85%
2020	98%	96%	80%
2021	96%	96%	78%
2022	97%	95%	77%

Program Graduates:

Number of graduates:			
	Doctoral	Master's	OTA
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
2021	1,712	7,522	4,640
2022	1,788	7,000	4,385

Program fieldwork Level II pass rates:

FW Level II Pass Rates:				
	Placements	Failed	Withdrawn	Completed / Pass
Doctoral	5,560	56	32	98%
Master's	12,136	194	111	97%
OTA	6,566	125	73	97%

Certification exam new graduate pass rates:

Occupational therapy graduates:									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Passed	5,715	5,948	6,448	6,882	7,556	7,745	7,710	10,491	8,801
Candidates	5,848	6,052	6,549	6,987	7,431	7,927	7,947	10,708	9,168
Percentage	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	98%	96%

Occupational therapy assistant graduates:									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Passed	4,206	4,488	4,495	4,566	4,256	4,152	3,015	4,044	3,411
Candidates	4,512	4,905	4,839	5,083	4,652	4,665	3,524	4,395	3,966
Percentage	93%	91%	93%	91%	91%	89%	86%	92%	85%

Employment:

Employment as reported by programs:			
Percent of graduates employed in OT/OTA position within 6 months of graduation.	Number of Doctoral OT Programs	Number of Master OT Programs	Number of OTA Programs
1%–24%	1 (2%)	3 (2%)	4 (2%)
25%–49%	1 (2%)	8 (5%)	25 (11%)
50%–74%	8 (16%)	15 (9%)	77 (35%)
75%–100%	40 (80%)	135 (84%)	116 (52%)

NOTE: A number of programs had no graduates in the reporting period.

Starting salary:

Average starting salary as reported by programs:			
Average Salary Range	Number Doctoral OT Programs	Number of Master's OT Programs	Number of OTA Programs
0–\$20,000	0	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
\$20,001–\$40,000	0	0	45 (21%)
\$40,001–\$60,000	0	15 (9%)	151 (71%)
\$60,001–\$ 80,000	47 (90%)	128 (80%)	17 (8%)
\$80,001–\$100,000	5 (10%)	16 (10%)	0
\$100,001-120,000	0	0	0
>120,000	0	0	0

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