



DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Estimated Indirect Costs of Enrollment in OTD Program

Health Insurance (required): Cost varies.

Immunizations (required): Students are expected to have updated immunizations that include (cost varies by provider/insurance coverage):

- Hepatitis (Hep B)
- Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR)
- Tetanus – diphtheria – pertussis (TDP or Tdap or Td Booster)
- Varicella/ Chicken Pox
- COVID
- Influenza (some FW sites)

Living and other expenses (varies): In addition to the above, students can expect additional costs for room and board, miscellaneous school supplies, etc. Living expenses can vary greatly depending on individual student choices. *Students are responsible for securing their own housing during all FW and DEC placements. Placement location requests are not guaranteed.*

Clothing Expenses: The CHSHS graduate programs require students adhere to a business casual dress code. This may require the purchase of additional clothing to accommodate the dress code requirement. Clothing expenses can vary greatly depending on individual student needs and choices.

Personal Laptop Computer (required; estimate): **\$800**. The price of computers varies widely and depends on model and configuration. [University Laptop Requirements](#)

Textbooks (estimate): **\$3,000**. Textbooks can be purchased through publisher websites or from the Methodist University bookstore. Discounted book prices are available from AOTA for student members.

Course Supply and Transportation Expenses - Individual courses may have additional expenses for assignments and participation in community activities. These may include but are not limited to: printing costs for posters and brochures for assignments and presentations, gas to travel to a community site, purchase of supplies for class projects, etc. Students will be given advance notice of any of these costs at the beginning of each individual course or prior to the assignment/presentation/event.

OT Skills Equipment Bag (required): **\$65-\$75**

Scrubs (highly recommended for anatomy labs): **\$50 (varies)**



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Student OT Association (SOTA) Dues (optional): \$10

CPR Training (required): AHA CPR/BLS for Healthcare Providers Training. Opportunities will be given to renew certification through Methodist University during the program. The 2-part AHA exam requires an online exam and an in-person check in (**approx. \$60**).

Professional Association Memberships (highly recommended) AOTA annual student fee is **\$75**. NCOTA annual student fee is **\$45**. Information and benefits of student membership provided during orientation.

MU OTD Logoed Polo Shirt (optional): One shirt is provided by the program during orientation. Additional shirts are available for purchase for **\$25-\$30** each. Student organizations also offer fundraiser logo apparel and accessory sales each semester.

Conference Travel and Registration (optional) – State NCOTA Conference registration is **<\$20** student rate or National AOTA Conference registration **\$300** plus travel expenses.

Graduation Accessories (optional) – Graduation invitations, diploma frames, and other accessories can be purchased through [Herff-Jones](#). **Cost varies**.

FIELDWORK SITE DEPENDENT

Drug Screen: Students can complete drug screens through FastMed or CastleBranch and the cost varies depending on the required 10 or 12 drug panel, estimated at **\$45-\$65**

Influenza Vaccine: Cost varies depending on availability & coverage, **\$0-\$15**

TB Testing - **\$15-\$20** (MU Student Health)

QuantiferON - **\$116** (FastMed) if needed

First Aid Training: Cost varies; estimated at **\$28**.

Fingerprinting: **\$12-\$45** (Cumberland County Sheriff Dept provides for county residents-appt only-\$12)

Notary of FW Documents: Cost varies from **\$0-\$10**.

Background Check and Drug Screening: Initial background checks (CBC) are required for matriculation and conducted by Methodist University prior to entry into the program. If additional background checks may be required for participation in the fieldwork phase of the program, the program has partnered with CastleBranch to complete the process at estimated cost of **\$60**.