



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Notice to Prospective Students

Students aspiring to become occupational therapy assistants in the United States must graduate from an Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) accredited university to be eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam. Methodist University is currently seeking accreditation for the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant (BSOTA) degree by ACOTE of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

The MU OTA Program was granted CANDIDACY STATUS by ACOTE, during its meeting held in April 2023. The program must now have a pre-accreditation review, complete an onsite evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the graduate will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, the State of North Carolina requires licensure to practice. Should the program not receive accreditation, graduates would not be able to sit for the NBCOT board or obtain a state license. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

For more information about accreditation and the national certification, contact:

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I, _____ (print) have read and understand the implication of the above disclosure. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

Prospective Student

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

Program Director Signature