

OTD Program Mission

The Drake University Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program will prepare students with the flexible, clinical, and analytical and practice skills necessary to succeed in occupational therapy through an interdisciplinary blend of professional, science, and liberal arts education. The purpose of the program is to provide graduates with the entry-level knowledge base, skills, attitudes, ethics and values to succeed in occupational therapy careers. The program will endeavor to produce graduates that will be successful in the following areas:

Our program outcomes are:

1. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to utilize and analyze evidence for occupation-based practice and develop habits of life-long learning.
2. Graduates will engage in service opportunities to promote health and wellbeing for diverse and underserved populations.
3. Graduates will demonstrate competent clinical reasoning and care using occupation to enable clients across the lifespan within varied groups and populations to live life to the fullest.
4. Graduates will display professionalism, ethical behavior, and advocacy skills to influence positive change with clients, communities, and profession.

OTD Curricular Themes

1. Professional responsibility and scholarship
2. Collaborative community engagement
3. Occupation across the life span
4. Professional identity