

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OTA 3.6

Graduation, Certification & Licensure

A. Purpose

To maintain compliance with Standard A.4.6 set forth by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)

B. OTC Policy Connection

All applicable OTC policies

C. OTA Program Procedure

To graduate from OTC, all OTA students must:

1. Review their Degree Audit in the myOTC student planning tab. Double-check that the correct program of study is listed and that all courses required for the OTA Program are complete
2. Complete the Missouri Civics Exam
3. Apply for Graduation in MyOTC
4. Check to see if they need Student Loan Exit Counseling

There is no exit assessment required for the OTA Program.

(OTC website/graduation, 2023)

Students who have graduated from the OTA program are eligible to sit for an exam with the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (www.nbcot.org). This is a national certification exam, which if passed, grants the graduate the ability to become a COTA.

Scores from the NBCOT exam are documented and can be sent to a state licensing board to allow the graduate to get a job in that state. The Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy can be reached at www.pr.mo.gov.

Graduates should be aware that a felony conviction may affect credentialing or licensure and should contact each agency to determine eligibility.

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