



METHODIST UNIVERSITY

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 (some FW sites)
- Influenza (some FW sites)
- Tuberculosis (TB) (All clinical FW sites require yearly testing)

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:

Some learning and experiential activities within the CHSHS graduate programs require students to 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.

Scrubs (highly recommended for anatomy labs, may be required for fieldwork): **\$50 (varies)**

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.

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

Anatomy Course Fee - OTD5250 - Software (required): **\$65**

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): **\$102 - \$117**

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

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

Conference Travel and Registration (optional) – State NCOTA Conference registration is **<\$20** for the 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 [Jostens](#). **Cost varies**.

Background Check: Background checks will be required for participation in the fieldwork phase of the program. The program has partnered with CastleBranch to complete the process at an estimated cost of **\$65**.

Drug Screening: Students can complete drug screens through FastMed or CastleBranch and the cost varies depending on the required 10 or 12 drug panel. May include: Hepatitis B Titer, Varicella Titer, N95 Fit Test. Primary Care doctor may also provide. Estimate **\$45-\$65**. Additional testing may be required per individual fieldwork site requirements.

CPR Training (required): AHA CPR/BLS for Healthcare Providers Training. Opportunities maybe available 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**).

Onboarding Platforms: The Methodist OT program uses EXXAT Prism, an education management platform to manage and track all aspects of the clinical fieldwork placement. However, some hospital systems have use other platforms, such as CastleBranch, MyClinical Exchange, or Rotation Manager. Fieldwork placements that utilize management platforms other than EXXAT Prism, require the student to purchase a license through them. The estimated cost is \$37-\$60, depending on what platform is required.

FIELDWORK SITE DEPENDENT

Additional Site-Specific Drug Screening: Students can complete drug screens through FastMed or CastleBranch and the cost varies depending on the required 10, 12 or 14 drug panel. May include Hepatitis B Titer, Varicella Titer, N95 Fit Test. Primary Care doctor may also provide. Estimate **\$45-\$65**

Influenza Vaccine: Cost varies depending on availability and 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**.