



Why Choose UF?

1. Our commitment to excellence:

- Ranked 3rd OT Graduate Program in Public AAU Universities
- Ranked in the top 10 OT programs nationally.
- A Leader in Education, Practice and Research since 1959.
- The UF OT program has been continuously accredited for over 50 years.
- During the period 2009-2011, 130 first-time test takers passed the NBCOT certification exam (92%) The national average was 81%. Our 2011 class pass rate was 97%.
- Students are typically employed within three months of graduation. Many students have job offers before they finish their fieldwork.
- Over 8 million dollars in competitive grants and awards in past 5 years.
- For the past 2 years our college has been ranked first or second nationally in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding for colleges of health professions.
- Participates in the interdisciplinary PhD in Rehabilitation Science, and a NIH-funded K12 Rehabilitation Research Center.

2. MOT students learn and work in a premier program that provides:

- A supportive, professional learning environment.
- An integrative professional education that balances theory with assessment and intervention experiences.
- A location in an Academic Health Science Center.
- In-class hands on opportunities with guest clients and therapists from UF & Shands Health Center and the VA Health Center, as well as local pediatric and mental health facilities.
- Over 400 statewide fieldwork placement contracts.
- Local Level I Fieldwork placements that integrate hands on training with course work.
- Close affiliations with eight local hospitals including the academic hospitals and outpatient clinics, and Gainesville VA system that provide opportunities for adjunct faculty, research, clinical fieldwork and employment.

3. <u>The UF OT Department is known on a national and international level for its excellence.</u> Some of the reasons for this reputation are:

- The University of Florida is a Research One, Research Extensive University.
- The department has faculty on the prestigious Academy of OT Research Fellows, and a member of UF's Academy Distinguished Research Professors.
- Faculty with national and international reputations. Recognized experts in many areas of rehabilitation including; elders, assistive technology, driving, outcome assessment, learning disabilities, early intervention, hand injuries, sensory problems.
- Department academic and research centers providing cutting edge education and research in assistive technology, trauma in returning veterans, driving rehabilitation, clinical outcomes research.