ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

Rocky Mountain College Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Program Overview & Direct Costs

For Fall 2026 & Future Cohorts

Program Length

Rocky Mountain College's Occupational Therapy Doctorate is an 8 semester program, completed in two years and eight months of full time, in person study. To view the current academic calendar for an idea of semester start/end dates, breaks, and special events click here. To view the current curriculum per semester, click here.

Clinical Education

Clinical experience at Rocky starts earlier than most programs. Every OTD student begins seeing real clients in their first year through the Montana Developmental Assessment Clinic, hosted on campus each Friday, well before most peers nationally start fieldwork.

Beyond that early clinical start, students complete:

- Three Level I fieldwork experiences
- Two Level II fieldwork experiences
- One doctoral capstone experience and project

Students interested in an international clinical experience may pursue an optional fieldwork placement in Peru.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Opportunities

Rocky is committed to making this degree a smart investment. In addition to full program accreditation with federal funding availability through fafsa.gov, several funding opportunities are available to help offset the cost of attendance:

Up to $55,000 - WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP). Residents of participating states, including Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, and Nevada, may qualify for significant funding toward the total direct cost of the program. Applications are submitted through each student's home state PSEP office, not through Rocky. For qualified students with scholarship funding estimated at $55,000 towards the program total, this option makes Rocky Mountain College's OTD Program the least expensive school option in Montana and Wyoming for in-state residents of both states.

Up to $22,000 - RMC Occupational Therapy Grant. Automatically considered once a student is admitted and has submitted a FAFSA. No separate application required. Awards have ranged from $2,000 to $22,000.

Up to $18,000 - Graduate Assistantship positions. Reduce tuition by 30 percent in exchange for part time work with the program across five semesters. Awarded based on leadership and academic merit. A separate application is required in the spring.

Hourly Wages - Work Study positions. Available both within the OTD program and across campus, paid through standard hourly wages.

Direct Costs Payable to RMC*

Rocky Mountain College is a private institution, so these direct costs are the same for every student, regardless of home state.

	Per Semester	Total (8 Semesters)
Tuition	$12,731	$101,848
Fees	$523	$4,184
Total Direct Costs	**$13,254**	**$106,032**

*Note: These figures are subject to change and reflect RMC OTD's direct cost in the form of tuition & fees only. They do not include housing, meals, travel, books, or other personal expenses not payable to RMC. For a full picture of what attending this program may cost you individually (total cost of attendance), including estimated living expenses, review the special letter from financial aid here.