

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Occupational Therapists work with people of all ages and communities to enhance their ability to engage in every-day tasks. Occupational therapy differs from physical therapy or nursing in its focus on providing holistic therapy to the patient, rather than treating a particular injury, ailment, or physical disability.

## PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

- You are interested in studying about human behaviour
- You like to teach or train people
- You like to help people solve their problems
- You can comfortably talk with all kinds of people



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 15,000 - 6,00,000\*** for the full course

*\*These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

• National Scholarship Portal - Visit [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in). Under this portal there are Central Government schemes, UGC/AICTE Schemes and Assam Government Schemes offered by different departments\*

• Visit [www.buddy4study.com](http://www.buddy4study.com) for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI\*

• Scholarships are also available in the Institutes based on merit\*

*\*(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)*

## LOANS

• VidyaLakshmi, [www.vidyalakshmi.co.in](http://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in), is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA).

• Some states have student credit cards with low interest rates, for instance, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, etc.

• All banks give education loans.



## ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10+2 in the Science stream (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
  2. Complete a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy
- OR
- Complete a Bachelor's degree followed by a Master's degree in the same field
- OR
- Pursue a Diploma in Occupational Therapy

*Please check the duration of the course during enrolment*



## EXPECTED INCOME

*\*The figures are taken from NCS and are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of an Occupational Therapist ranges between **INR 10,300 - 34,800\*** per month.

Source - <https://bit.ly/3CM4u6H>





## WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

**Places of Work:** Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Medical colleges, Rehabilitation Centres and NGOs among others.

**Entrepreneurship:** You can start your own practice.

**Work Environment:** It is not a desk job. You are not likely to handle a team. Travel is not a part of this job role. You are likely to work 5 to 6 days a week and 8 to 9 hours every day. You may have to put in more hours if the need arises.

*Opportunities for work exist for differently abled in this field*

## EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Intern → Occupational Therapist → Senior Occupational Therapist → Head of Department → Medical Director/ Superintendent

Search keywords...



*occupational therapist, occupational therapy, occupational therapy professionals*

## WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

The course is offered by the Department of Occupational Therapy. This list of institutes is indicative only.

### GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

1. Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Mumbai
2. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi
3. All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Handicapped, Mumbai
4. Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna
5. Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu
6. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi
7. Government Medical College, Nagpur
8. Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai

### PRIVATE INSTITUTES

(Please check if Institute is affiliated and accredited with UGC and MCI before applying)

1. Manipal College of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal University
2. Christian Medical College
3. Chitkara University Chandigarh - Chitkara University, Patiala
4. Constituent Colleges College of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Pondicherry
5. Amity University, Noida
6. Bhagwant University, Ajmer
7. CMJ University, Shillong (Diploma)
8. College of Occupational Therapy, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur

Information on Institute rankings is available at - <https://www.nirfindia.org/2022/Ranking.html>

### DISTANCE LEARNING INSTITUTE

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

### ONLINE COURSE

Udemy - <https://www.udemy.com/topic/occupational-therapy/>

## EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

**Pam Gandekar** is a renowned Occupational Therapist based in Pune. She graduated from York School of Occupational Therapy, UK in 1971. She has worked with adults who have neurological impairment, elderly patients with mobility and self-care problems, intellectually challenged young adults but predominantly with children who have special needs.\*

Source - Personal Interview

*\*The above information is for training purposes only and will not be used for any commercial gains*