

## **Graduation Requirements**

To receive a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree, a student must satisfy the following:

- Successful completion of all academic requirements:
  - Pass all academic course work, fieldwork experiences, and doctoral capstone
  - Dissemination of an individual Doctoral Capstone Project
  - Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least a 3.0
- Approval for graduation by the program faculty, Dean and the Board of Trustees of the University following recommendation by the Academic Progress Committee. Academic performance and professionalism are evaluated and considered for graduation.
- Satisfactory resolution of all financial obligations.

### **LICENSURE**

Students who satisfactorily complete the requirements for graduation from the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program of the College of Health Sciences are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). All states, including Iowa, require licensure to practice and use the NBCOT exam as the license examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification exam or to attain state licensure.

*Note: The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org).*

*The program must be granted Candidacy Status, have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.*