

**OBSERVATION VERIFICATION**

This form should be used to document observation hours. Form should be scanned and uploaded to OTCAS by the candidate. UMHB OT observation requirements are as follows:

- 40 hours of observation *minimum*. The strongest candidates will have more than 40 hours of observation completed to gain a more in-depth understanding of occupational therapy.
- Observations must occur in a *minimum* of 2 different practice settings with multiple populations.
  - Setting examples: inpatient, outpatient, schools, community agencies, specialty clinics, etc.
  - Multiple populations: do not only observe OT with children, for example.
- Observations must be with a *licensed occupational therapist*, not an OT assistant or other agency representative.
- Internships, volunteer work, or paid employment will NOT be counted towards observation hours.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total hours of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Types of patients/clients seen (include age range, most common diagnoses):**

Occupational Therapist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupational Therapist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

The entry-level occupational therapy master's degree program is accredited 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). Graduates of the program 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.