

# **Accreditation of the first occupational therapy program in Vietnam**

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# This is not just the first occupational therapy (OT) accreditation in Vietnam — it is the foundation of a profession.

The population is approximately 100 million



7 million PwD (7,8%)  
13% of the population who live with PwD

Rapid population aging  
Increasing noncommunicable diseases  
Health problems secondary to dioxin exposure

# Background

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Education and Training

3 months

Professions have  
knowledge related to  
occupational therapy

Role of  
occupational  
therapist

The list of pilot training  
programs, including  
occupational therapy



# Background

2016



2020



2021



2022



2025



2024



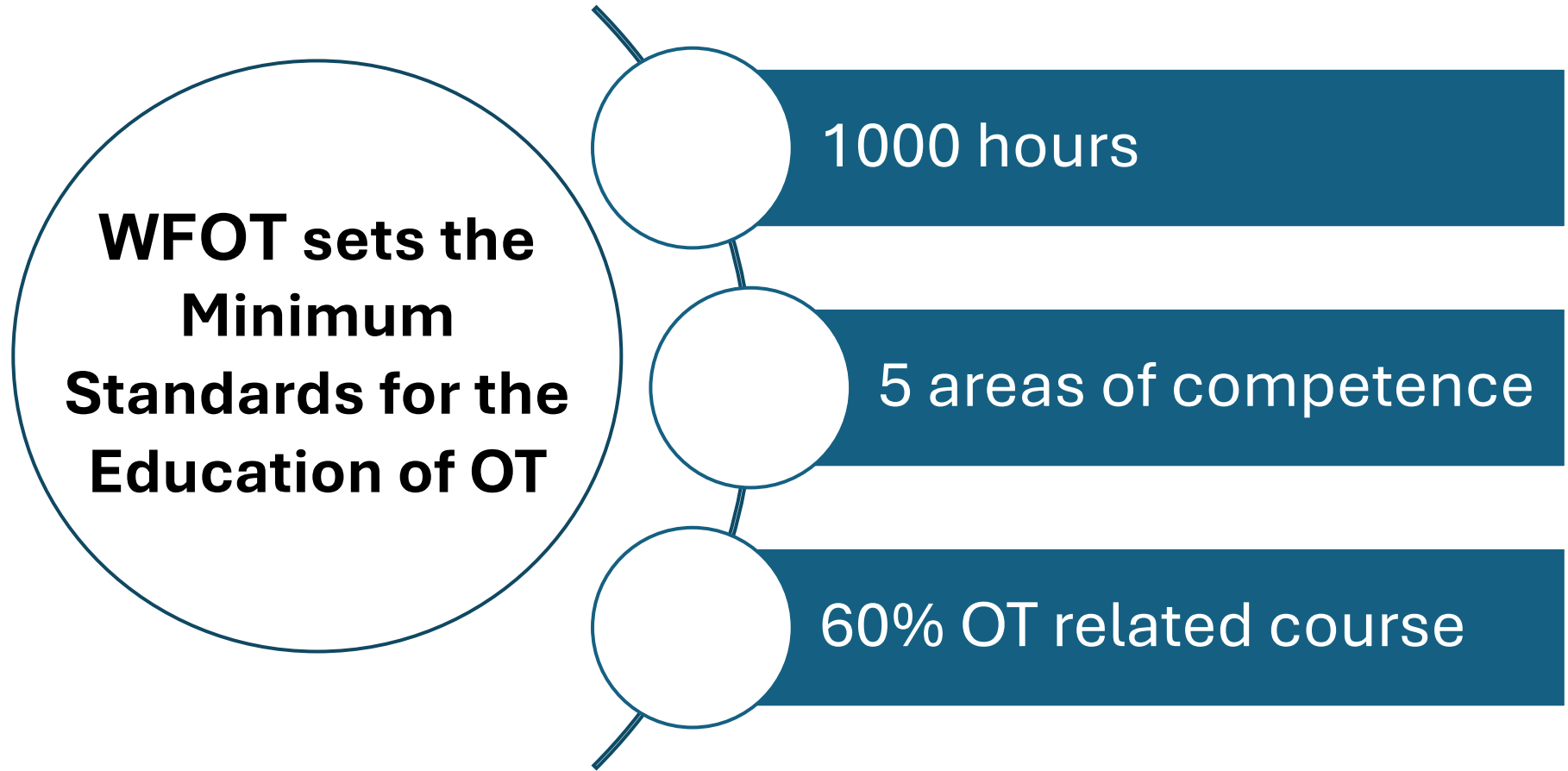
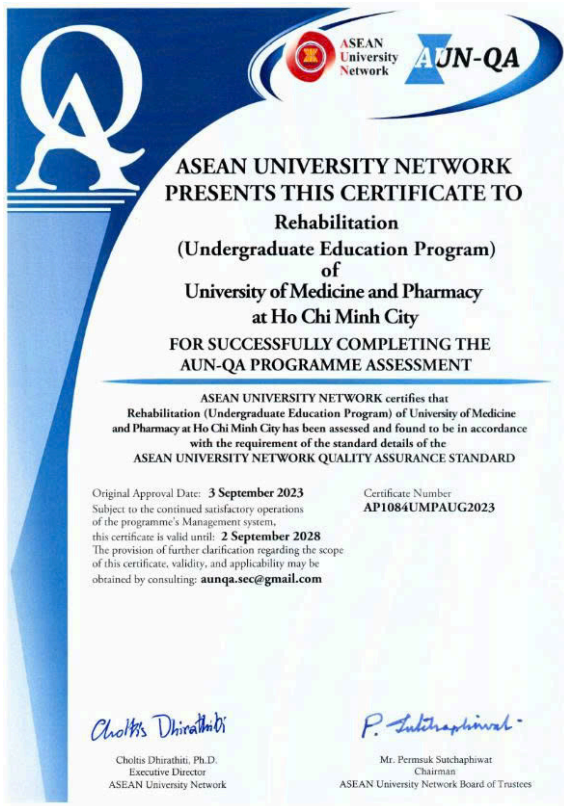
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# Background

2023

2024



# Self-assessment methodology

Document review

Stakeholder engagement

Gap analysis

# Strengths



# Challenges

- Mandatory national courses reduce the apparent percentage of OT-related content
- Limited opportunities for community-based practice placements
- The “**chicken-and-egg**” situation

# Lessions learnt

***Accreditation process must be contextualized!***

# Plan for improvement

School-based service



Dance studio



# Plan for improvement

## Collaboration with international experts





**The journey continues...**