

Occupational Therapy M.O.T.

Program Description

Occupational therapists work with individuals who may be

- recovering from illnesses or injuries,
- contending with developmental disabilities, or
- coping with changes resulting from the aging process.

Occupational therapists advance the person's well-being by promoting adaptation and independence through meaningful activities of everyday living to enhance and restore health. By preventing, reducing, or overcoming physical, social, and emotional impairments in people, occupational therapists help to restore and sustain the highest quality of productive life to persons of all ages.

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, PO Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220; 301-652-AOTA; aota.org. Although education programs continue to be accredited at the BS level through 2006, the OUHSC program has been accredited at the master's entry level since the fall of 1999.

Graduates are eligible to take the national certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this examination, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). Most states require licensure to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may not only affect a student's ability to attend certain clinical sites for clinical education and fieldwork, it may also affect a graduate's ability to sit for the certification examination or obtain state licensure.

The Master of Occupational Therapy professional program consists of 80 semester hours of sequenced and integrated didactic and clinical courses including 26 weeks of fieldwork to be completed in no more than five years.



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Admission Requirements

The OUHSC Master of Occupational Therapy program has joined the Centralized Application Service for Occupational Therapy (OTCAS). Applicants must complete both the OTCAS application and the OUHSC application. To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

- complete a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program;
- complete all prerequisite courses with grades of C or better prior to enrollment in the program;
- be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
- earn a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for each grade point average in all college work and natural science courses attempted. *The College of Allied Health does not recognize academic forgiveness nor reprieve policies. All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPAs;*
- document 40 hours of observation experience;
- submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores by the application deadline. The OTCAS GRE Designated Institution Code for the MOT program at OUHSC is 7448. GRE's web address is gre.org; and
- earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) within two years prior to application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is the second language. TOEFL's web address is toefl.org.

Admission Prerequisites

Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges and universities. Check the Transfer Equivalencies Database on the College of Allied Health web page (alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu) or your school advisor regarding equivalent courses.

Required Prerequisites and Credit Hours

- Developmental Psychology (3 hrs)
- Human Anatomy (4-5 hrs)
- Human Physiology (4 hrs)
- Intro to Personality or
Abnormal Psychology (3 hrs)
- Intro to Zoology or Concepts in Biology (4-5 hrs)
- Medical Vocabulary (2-3 hrs)
- Physics I (4 hrs)
- 1** Understanding Statistics (3 hrs)

1 It is recommended that the applicant take an equivalent course to OU course number PSY 2003. If there is not an equivalent course at your college/university for PSY 2003, it is acceptable to take an equivalent course to OU's course numbers PSY 2113, COMM 2513, or ECON 2843.

Application Procedure

1. By **February 1** of the year in which admission is sought, follow the step-by-step process for successful application: <http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/> and <http://otcas.liaisoncas.org/>
2. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the program will be posted the latter part of April.
3. The applicant must accept the position within two weeks of notification.
4. Students accepted for admission must confirm their intention to enroll and attend by paying a non-refundable deposit on enrollment. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

Estimated Program Costs

Tuition, fees, and additional cost information is available online at ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/OUHSCCosts.asp. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. Contact the Financial Aid Office by

email at financial-aid@ouhsc.edu or by telephone at (405) 271-2118.

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