

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; www.aota.org. Although education programs continue to be accredited at the BS level through 2006, the OUHSC program has been accredited at the masters 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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, an applicant must:

- have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, or complete requirements to be eligible to earn the B.S. in Health Studies degree after completion of 30 hours in the program;
- have successfully completed, or be in the process of completing, prerequisite course work (90 credit hours – no more than 60 credit hours from a two-year college will count toward the required 90) from any accredited college or university, prior to starting the program;
- be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
- have 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;
- have completed all prerequisite courses with grades of C or better;
- document 40 hours of observation experience;
- take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test; 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 <http://www.toefl.org>.



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ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

Prerequisite courses are offered at most colleges or universities. Check online at <http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/prereqs/> to locate equivalent courses.

Required Prerequisites and Credit Hours

- 2 American Federal Government (3 hrs)
- 2 College Algebra (3 hrs)
- Developmental Psychology (3 hrs)
- 2 Elements of Psychology or Sociology (3 hrs)
- 2 Foreign Language: 2 years in high school or 2 semesters in college (same language)
- Human Anatomy (4-5 hrs)
- Human Physiology (4 hrs)
- 3 Introduction to Computers (3 hrs)
- Introduction to Personality (3 hrs)
- Introduction to Zoology (4 hrs)
- Medical Vocabulary (2 hrs)
- Natural Science Elective (3 courses)
- 2 Non-western Culture (3 hrs)
- Physics I (4 hrs)
- 2 Principles of English Composition I (3 hrs)
- 2 Principles of English Composition II (3 hrs)
- 2 U. S. History (3 hrs)
- 2 Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hrs)
- Understanding Statistics (3 hrs)
- 1 Upper Level Gen Ed Course (3 hrs)
- 2 Western Civilization & Culture (3 hrs)

Note: Maximum number of credit hours accepted from a two-year college is 60. *At least 10 credit hours of upper division coursework must also be completed prior to entering the program.*

1 is required if applicant has not completed a Bachelor's degree. It is recommended that the applicant take an upper level/division (3000 or 4000 level) non-western culture, western civilization & culture, or understanding art forms class. By taking an upper division course in one of those categories, two prerequisites can be completed with that one class.

2 is not required for applicants that have an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree from an Oklahoma college. Not required for applicants that have a Bachelor's degree. Foreign Language 1st and 2nd course are waived for applicants who completed two years in the same language in high school.

3 Complete a computer skills course, pass an institution assessment test, or substitute one year of high school computer courses (excluding keyboarding).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. By **February 1** of the year in which admission is sought, follow the step-by-step process for successful application: <http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/main/Application/default.asp>
2. A letter of acceptance, alternate status, or denial to the program will be mailed during the latter part of April.
3. The applicant must accept the position in writing within two weeks of notification. Alternates will be selected according to numerical ranking.
4. Students accepted for admission must confirm their intention to enroll and attend with a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit. The deposit is applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

EARLY ADMISSION

Early Admission is available for students meeting certain criteria which can be found at

<http://www.ah.ouhsc.edu/main/Programs/showprograms2onsec.asp?PID=20&PGID=5&PSC=EARLYADMISSREQS>

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ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition is approximately \$3,276.00 per semester for Oklahoma residents. Students may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to, a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid Office by email at financial-aid@ouhsc.edu or by telephone at (405) 271-2118.

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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