Twin Cities Campus

Occupational Therapy M.O.T.
Allied-Occupational Therapy

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Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Length of program in credits: 78
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- Rochester campus.
- Degree: Master of Occupational Therapy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The Program in Occupational Therapy (OT) is a 22-25 month, 78-credit, graduate-level professional program completed over the course of five semesters.

Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.

The program has been continuously accredited since its inception in 1946. In 2007, a new performance site was accredited making the OT program available in both Minneapolis and Rochester, Minn. Both performance sites are permitted by ACOTE to enroll and graduate students.

Accreditation
This program is accredited by Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)

Program Delivery
This program is available:
- partially online (between 50% to 80% of instruction is online)

Prerequisites for Admission
The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in order to apply to the Program in Occupational Therapy.

Core Prerequisite Courses
There are seven core prerequisite courses required for admission to the Program in Occupational Therapy. Five of the seven must be completed at the time of application. All prerequisite courses must be completed no later than the end of summer session of the year of admission. There is one non-core prerequisite, Medical Terminology, which may be taken for college credit or online. Prerequisite courses must be fulfilled with a minimum number of semester credits, listed next to each course.
- Human Anatomy (3 cr)
- Human Physiology (3 cr)
- Statistics (3 cr)
- This course must include descriptive and inferential statistics.
- General Psychology (3 cr)
- Abnormal Psychology (3 cr)
- Human Development Across Life Span (3 cr)

Students will be required to verify that the course(s) taken covered content from conception to death. Students may need to take a series of courses to complete this prerequisite.

Sociology/Anthropology
This course should include content related to human societies and behaviors, social theory and theories of social change, methods of study in sociology, characteristics of social units (for example, race/ethnicity, economics/social organizations, gender, politics, religious systems) and the impact of cultural diversity.
Intro to Sociology (3 cr) or Cultural Anthropology (3 cr)

Non-Core Prerequisite
Medical Terminology (1 cr)
An online course equivalent to 1 college credit may be substituted.

Computer Competency: Applicants admitted to the Program in Occupational Therapy will be expected to be competent in using a computer to type, edit, format, and print documents.

Practical Experience: Although this type of experience is suggested, but not required for application, the Admissions Committee does consider an applicant's optional observation, volunteer and/or work experience in occupational therapy and other health-related areas and believes these experiences strengthen the application.

Special Application Requirements:
Applicants should complete a prerequisite planning sheet found under the tab Prerequisite Planning and Pre-program Advising in order to determine which prerequisites have been fulfilled.

If the OT program does not list the student's school(s), or if the Prerequisite Planning Sheet for the student's school(s) does not list the courses taken, the student should send course description(s) for each course taken that the student believes fulfills a prerequisite requirement. The student should include an email outlining the course(s) for which descriptions are being submitted and which prerequisite they complete. Send this information to cahpinfo@umn.edu.

Criminal Background Studies
The State of Minnesota Department of Health requires criminal background studies on all students admitted to the Program in Occupational Therapy. Failure to pass the background study may preclude successful completion of the program. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy certification examination or attain state licensure. Information on national certification is available from:

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
800 S. Frederick Avenue, Suite 200
Gaitersburg, MD 20877-4150
(301) 990-7979
www.nbcot.org

Admitted students are provided detailed instructions for how to request a criminal background study soon after beginning the program.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
• TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 100
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550

Key to test abbreviations (TOEFL).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements
Plan C: Plan C requires 78 major credits and null credits outside the major. The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: Students will engage in a group or individual study of a research question related to occupational therapy. Students will demonstrate a high level of critical thinking as they plan, conduct, and evaluate their mentored scholarly project. Students will submit a written description of their project in APA format and defend their scholarly project through a oral or poster presentation.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

In addition to their coursework, students will complete two 12-week, full-time fieldwork experiences.

Year One
The first year of study focuses on building a firm foundation in the study of activity and occupation; society, community, family, and environmental influences on human occupation; and foundations of occupational therapy practice when human occupation is reduced. Students participate in their communities and with their interprofessional colleagues as they practice professional level skills. Two Level I fieldwork experiences provide guided practice in the role of occupational therapy.

**Fall Semester**
3-4 sessions face-to-face
- CAHP 5110 - Foundations of Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration (1.0 cr)
- OT 6100 - Public and Professional Engagement I (0.5 cr)
- OT 6101 - Foundations of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy (4.0 cr)
- OT 6102 - Professional Identity: Behaviors and Attitudes (2.0 cr)
- OT 6103 - Occupational Therapy Process for Society (3.0 cr)
- OT 6111 - Foundations: Occupations as Therapy (3.0 cr)
- OT 6113 - Occupational Therapy Process for Community (3.0 cr)

**Spring Semester**
6-8 sessions face-to-face
- OT 6200 - Public and Professional Engagement II (0.5 cr)
- OT 6201 - Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology (3.0 cr)
- OT 6202 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Occupation Through Compensation (5.0 cr)
- OT 6203 - Occupational Therapy Process for Family (2.0 cr)
- OT 6213 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Medical Contexts (2.0 cr)
- OT 7201 - Scholarly Inquiry in Health Sciences (4.0 cr)

**Summer Semester**
8-15 sessions face-to-face
- OT 6200 - Public and Professional Engagement II (0.5 cr)
- OT 6301 - Neuroscience (5.0 cr)
- OT 6302 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Occupation Through Remediation (4.0 cr)
- OT 6312 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Psychosocial Approaches (3.0 cr)
- OT 6322 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Work Contexts (2.0 cr)
- OT 7394 - Scholarly Project in OT I (2.0 cr)

**Year Two**
Year two shifts focus from conceptual coursework to an emphasis on practice. Students apply concepts of occupational therapy in a broad range of contexts including work, school, and group settings. Students practice during Level I fieldwork and community engagement. Six months is devoted to Level II fieldwork where students practice under the direct supervision of an occupational therapist in a medical and/or community setting. Students should expect to travel to at least one field site.

**Fall Semester**
15 sessions face-to-face
- OT 6200 - Public and Professional Engagement II (0.5 cr)
- OT 6402 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Occupation Through Neurorehabilitative Approaches (4.0 cr)
- OT 6403 - Management of Occupational Therapy Services (1.0 cr)
- OT 6412 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Orthotics and Prosthetics (3.0 cr)
- OT 6422 - Occupational Therapy Process: Group Context (2.0 cr)
- OT 6432 - Occupational Therapy Process for Individuals: Educational Context (2.0 cr)
- OT 7494 - Scholarly Project in OT II (4.0 cr)

**Spring Semester**
- OT 7596 - Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork I (6.0 cr)
- OT 7696 - Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork II (6.0 cr)

**Program Sub-plans**
A sub-plan is not required for this program. Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

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