Occupational Therapy (MOT)

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The Department of Occupational Therapy entry-level master’s degree program is currently in development and will be published in the 2020-2021 catalog.

Accreditation and Certification

Entry-Level Master’s Degree

The Department of Occupational Therapy entry-level master’s degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association, located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD, 20814-3449. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-2682 and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org (http://www.acoteonline.org).

Students must complete Level II fieldwork and experiential requirements within 24 months following completion of the didactic portion of the program.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), Inc. located at One Bank Street, Suite 300, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. NBCOT’s telephone number is (301) 990-7979 and its Web address is www.nbcot.org (http://www.nbcot.org). 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.

Entry-Level Doctoral Degree

The Department of Occupational Therapy entry-level doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation by ACOTE. The program must be granted Candidacy Status, have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by 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.

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Financial Aid from the Program

Check the School of Health Professions website at https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/student-services/scholarships/ for scholarship information.

Curriculum

Requirements for Master’s Degree in Occupational Therapy

The Department of Occupational Therapy currently offers the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) degree as the terminal degree of the program. All students must complete the prerequisite courses and meet the admission requirements to apply. Prospective students will apply for entry into the program during their final year of undergraduate coursework or after they have completed a baccalaureate degree. However, in either case a baccalaureate degree must be completed prior to beginning coursework during the following summer semester. The master’s degree is required to become certified and licensed to practice as an Occupational Therapist.

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Admission Criteria

Application window for entry-level master’s degree program beginning coursework in Summer 2020 opens July 2019, with an application deadline of January 15, 2020. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and admission offers may be made at any point during or after the application window.

- Minimum GPA: cumulative 3.0 or higher (4.0=A)
- Minimum TOEFL scores: (must have been completed in the last two years)
Minimum English Proficiency Requirements

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- Completion of all prerequisites at a grade of B- or better
- 20 hours of observation with a licensed Occupational Therapist
- Completion of all required application materials
- Acceptance to program: The Department of Occupational Therapy admits a cohort of 44 students each year.

Required Application Materials

- Go to https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/occupational-therapy/about/admissions/ for departmental application forms (available July - Jan. 15)
- All applications will be submitted through the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application System (OTCAS (https://otcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login))
- Observation Forms and supplemental fee

Curriculum

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