

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)/ Occupational Therapy Doctorate (ODT)

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy will prepare students to obtain professional licensure, and sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT®) Examination by the NBCOT®. Occupational therapists help people across the lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). Common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes.

Admissions Requirements for most institutions*:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE), per institution and other admission requirement such as undergraduate GPA (~3.0), personal statement, letters of recommendations, etc.
- Prerequisite coursework and have earned a grade of B- or better in each course (some institutions may allow a C or better).
- These are selected courses that MOST but not ALL institutions require*:
 - General biology with lab – BIO 101 and BIO 102
 - Human anatomy and physiology, I and II with labs – BIO 231 and BIO 232
 - Intro to Psychology – PSY 111
 - Abnormal Psychology –PSY 302
 - Developmental Psychology - PSY 201, 202, or 301*
 - *Some institutions require lifespan course that covers birth to death or sequence of courses that cover the lifespan (PSY 201, 202, & 301)**
 - Statistics – MAT 213
 - Ethics/logics course – PHI 202, PHI 342, REL 340
 - Sociology/culture – SOC 101, SOC 210*
 - Medical Terminology – HCA 205
 - Most institutions also require some clinical hours – EXS/HLP 481
 - Some institutions require kinesiology/biomechanics – EXS 318
 - Some institutions require physics – PHY 211/212 (*MAT 115 or 121 pre-req*)
 - Some institutions require an occupational course (dance, art, music, etc.)*

* Students should check MSOT admissions pre-requisites for their individual programs of interest as some requirements vary by institution

** Some institutions require that no more than two prerequisite courses be remaining to be taken in the spring semester after they apply to the OT graduate program, or all pre-requisite courses be completed before the spring semester after they apply to the OT graduate program.

