

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (M.S.)

The Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (M.S.O.T.) professional program is designed to educate occupational therapists who are practitioners, contributors, and managers. As practitioners, occupational therapists establish, restore, maintain or enhance health and wellness through engagement in activities and occupations, and participation in lifestyles that are satisfying to clients. As contributors, occupational therapists advocate for their profession and clients, use current research to inform practice, and participate in the development of occupational therapy scholarship. As managers, occupational therapists plan, establish, supervise and evaluate occupational therapy services, promote occupational therapy services, collaborate with other professionals.

This 84-credit program consists of two years of didactic learning and two Level II fieldwork rotations. The program consists of courses specific to occupational therapy practice that are intended to provide students with the theoretical knowledge and technical skills necessary to perform as entry-level practitioners in a rapidly changing global society. All students must complete Level II fieldwork within 24 months following completion of academic preparation.

The occupational therapy program is accredited by:

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
6116 Executive Boulevard
Suite 200
North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929
(301) 652-AOTA
www.acoteonline.org (<http://www.acoteonline.org>)

Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Certification Examination for the Occupational Therapist 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 affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification or attain state licensure.

Admission

For more information on COVID-19's impact on admission requirements, please visit the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy requirements webpage for the most up-to-date guidance.

Admission to the program requires:

- a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum overall GPA of 3.2;
- completion of the following pre-requisite courses with a minimum GPA of 3.2 and a grade of "C" or better in each course; and
- three letters of recommendation, one from a registered occupational therapist (OTR).

Course

- Human Anatomy and Physiology (with Lab) 8 credits
- English 3 credits
- Statistics 3 credits

- Introduction to Sociology 3 credits
- Introduction to General Psychology 3 credits
- Abnormal Psychology 3 credits
- Developmental Psychology (Across the Life Span) 3 credits

Anatomy and Physiology must include a laboratory. Students with incomplete prerequisites may apply; however, they must state how they will satisfy the prerequisites prior to the start of the program. All prerequisite courses must be completed within 10 years of the application date. College Level Examination program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) credits cannot substitute for prerequisite courses required for admission.

Applicants are required to perform a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work with an occupational therapist (OTR). One letter of recommendation must be from an occupational therapist (OTR). The Committee on Admissions will determine candidates' eligibility upon review of the following: GPA; non-quantifiable items, including letters of recommendation, occupational therapy volunteer experiences, employment experiences, healthcare experiences, professional and community activities, and a written essay demonstrating understanding of and commitment to the profession. If English is not the native language, a student must submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Score Report documenting a paper-based score of 550 or above, a computer-based score of 213 or above, or an Internet-based score of 79 or above.

Information regarding the application deadline may be obtained from the School of Health and Medical Sciences, (973) 761-7145 or email shms@shu.edu.

Curriculum Requirements

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| First Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| GMOT 6100 | Professional Formation I | 2 |
| GMOT 6155 | Functnl Anatomy-Kinesiology I | 4 |
| GMOT 6160 | Neuroscience for Occ Therapy | 2 |
| GMOT 6185 | Intro to Occupational Therapy | 4 |
| GMOT 6270 | Occupational Therapy Process | 4 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Second Semester | | |
| GMOT 6170 | Occup Therapy Practice Skills | 2 |
| GMOT 6200 | Professional Formation II | 2 |
| GMOT 6240 | Functnl Anatomy Kinesiology II | 2 |
| GMOT 6250 | Group Process in Occup Therapy | 4 |
| GMOT 6260 | Cognition Percep Vision -Funct | 3 |
| GMOT 7303 | Research Methods I | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Summer | | |
| GMOT 6301 | Hlth Med Complex Older Adult | 2 |
| GMOT 6303 | Evaluation of Older Adults | 2 |
| GMOT 6305 | Intervention for Older Adults | 4 |
| Hours | | 8 |
| Second Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| GMOT 6700 | Professional Formation III | 2 |
| GMOT 6750 | Health Med Complexities Adults | 2 |
| GMOT 6760 | Evaluation of Adults | 2 |
| GMOT 6770 | Intervention for Adults | 6 |

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| GMOT 7320 | Research Methods II | 2 |
| Hours | | 14 |
| Second Semester | | |
| GMOT 6780 | Prof Ethics in Occup Therapy | 2 |
| GMOT 6800 | Professional Formation IV | 2 |
| GMOT 6850 | Hlth Med Complex Children Adol | 2 |
| GMOT 6860 | Evaluation Children Adolescent | 2 |
| GMOT 6870 | Intervention for Children Adol | 5 |
| GMOT 6880 | Wellness - Entrepreneurship I | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Summer | | |
| GMOT 6965 | Health Care Policies - Organ | 2 |
| GMOT 6970 | Fieldwork Preparation | 1 |
| GMOT 6980 | Wellness - Entrepreneurship II | 4 |
| Hours | | 7 |
| Third Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| GMOT 7013 | Fieldwork Level II-Phase I | 3 |
| Hours | | 3 |
| Second Semester | | |
| GMOT 7000 | Professional Formation V | 1 |
| GMOT 7023 | Fieldwork Level II, Phase II | 3 |
| Hours | | 4 |
| Summer | | |
| GMOT 7033 | Fieldwork Level II, Phase III (Optional) | 0-3 |
| Hours | | 0-3 |
| Total Hours | | 84-87 |