Master of Occupational Therapy

College of Health & Human Services

Occupational therapy is a health and human service profession. Licensed occupational therapy practitioners provide an invaluable service to individuals, groups and organizations.

The Master of Occupational Therapy program at GSU prepares you to meet the increasing demands of individuals and organizations relying on your expertise to gain, regain, maintain and improve their participation in life activities and promote quality of life. You will have opportunities to be of service to others in a wide variety of venues – from hospitals and rehabilitation centers to schools, workplaces, private practices and community service organizations.

Comprehensive Preparation

The MOT program at Governors State University is an intensive, 100 -credit hour curriculum that provides you with the comprehensive knowledge and skills you need to become a licensed, practicing member of the profession. Our program places a strong emphasis on advocacy, communication, critical reasoning and lifelong learning that empower you to become a highly effective professional.

Accreditation

The Occupational Therapy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is 301.652.AOTA. Web address is www.acoteonline.org.

Graduates of the program are able to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). Most states, including Illinois, require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Caution: a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination and/or attain state licensure.

How to Apply

Entry to the program is by application and is competitive. Application information is available at www.govst.edu/mot.

Application to the MOT program is through an occupational therapy centralized application service: OTCAS (http://www.otcas.org)

For more information, contact MOT faculty advisor :Patricia Kalvelage, MS, OTR/L pkalvelage@govst.edu

Fact

Employment of Occupational Therapists is expected to increase by 29 percent (much faster than average) between 2012 and 2022.

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Health-care/occupational-therapists.htm.





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Special Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting university admission criteria, applicants must have successfully completed the following prerequisites in addition to, or in conjunction with, a baccalaureate degree:

- Social and Behavioral Sciences Required: (9) General Psychology - 3 credits Abnormal Psychology - 3 credits Developmental psychology or other related sociology or anthropology course - 3 credits
- Natural Sciences Required: (16) General Physics with lab - 4 credits Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab 8
 - General Chemistry I with lab 4 credits
- Medical Terminology (1 credit)
- Orientation to Occupational Therapy (2 credits)
- Survey of Research or Statistics course (3 credits)

Additional Requirements:

- Students must have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.00.
- The Graduate Record Exam is a prerequisite requirement for the MOT program.
- An essay and three letters of recommendation are required in the application process.

Required Courses (100 Hours)

OCCT 6601	Gross Anatomy I (3)
OCCT 6602	Gross Anatomy I Lab (1)
OCCT 6611	Gross Anatomy II (3)
OCCT 6612	Gross Anatomy II Lab (1)
OCCT 6626	Neuroscience (4)
OCCT 6705	Professional Formations I (1)
OCCT 6706	Professional Formations II (3)
OCCT 6707	Professional Formations III (2)

OCCT 6730 OCCT 7110	Theories-Occupational Therapy(3) Conditions in Occupational Therapy I (3)
OCCT 7120 OCCT 7000 OCCT 7210	Conditions in Occupational Therapy II (3) Seminar in Occupational Therapy (2) Level I Fieldwork A (1)
OCCT 7220	Level I Fieldwork B (1)
OCCT 7230	Level I Fieldwork C (1)
OCCT 7400	Integrative Seminar (1) x 5
OCCT 7715	Kinesiology I (3)
OCCT 7705	Kinesiology I Lab (1)
OCCT 7716	Kinesiology II (3)
OCCT 7706	Kinesiology II Lab (1)
OCCT 7440	Psychosocial Knowledge (3)
OCCT 7742	Psychosocial Knowledge Lab (1)
OCCT 7750	Human Development and Performance I (3)
OCCT 7760	Human Development and Performance II (3)
OCCT 7780	Models of Health (3)
OCCT 7790	Research Methods-Occupational Therapy (3)
OCCT 7810	Occupational Therapy Assessment
	& Intervention I (3)
OCCT 7811	Occupational Therapy Assessment
	& Intervention Lab I (1)
OCCT 7820	Occupational Therapy Assessment & Intervention II (3)
OCCT 7821	Occupational Therapy Assessment
	& Intervention Lab II (1)
OCCT 7830	Assistive Technology Method and Tools (3)
OCCT 7835	Methods and Tools for Promoting
	Performance (2)
OCCT 7840	Managing Occupational Therapy Services (3)
OCCT 8900	Independent Research Study (3)
OCCT 8910	Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork A* (10)
OCCT 8920	Occupational Therapy Level II Fieldwork B* (10)

^{*}All Occupational Therapy students must complete Level II fieldwork within 24 months following completion of academic preparation.

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