

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEGREE PROGRAM

Occupational therapists (OTs) help patients improve their ability to perform tasks in living and working environments. They work with individuals who may have mental, physical, developmental, or emotional disabilities. Occupational therapists use treatments to develop, recover, or maintain the daily living skills of their patients. The therapist helps clients not only to improve their basic sensorimotor functions and reasoning abilities, but also to compensate for permanent loss of function. The goal is to help clients have independent, productive, and satisfying lives.

Occupational therapists help clients to perform all types of activities, from using a computer to caring for daily needs such as dressing, cooking, and eating. Physical activities may be used to increase strength and dexterity, while other activities may be chosen to improve visual acuity or the ability to discern patterns. Patients with permanent disabilities, such as spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, or muscular dystrophy, often need special instruction to master certain daily tasks. For these individuals, OTs demonstrate the use of adaptive equipment, including wheelchairs, orthoses, eating aids, and dressing aids. They also design or build special equipment needed at home or at work, including computer-aided adaptive equipment. They teach clients how to use the equipment to improve communication and control various situations in their environment. OTs work with all ages, from infants to elderly individuals.

Employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase by 26 percent between 2008 and 2018, much faster than the average for all occupations. The increasing elderly population will drive growth in the demand for occupational therapy services. The demand for OTs should continue to rise as a result of the increasing number of individuals with disabilities or limited function who require therapy services. In addition, medical advances now enable more patients with critical problems to survive—patients who ultimately may need extensive occupational therapy.

Median annual wages of occupational therapists were \$72,320 in May 2010. The middle 50 percent earned between \$60,000-86,930. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$48,920, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$102,520.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) is a 33-month program that begins in the summer and consists of 84 semester credit hours of graduate-level coursework in

Occupational Therapy and 20 semester hours (6 months) of full-time clinical fieldwork.

Graduates of the MOT program are eligible to take the national certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and to apply for licensure that is required for practice in most states. (Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT examination or attain state licensure.) After successful completion of this examination, the individual will be a Registered Occupational Therapist (OTR). The MOT program is accredited through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). For further information about the accreditation process contact:

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & PREREQUISITES

The Texas Common Application, the \$45.00 application fee, official transcripts, and supporting documents must be submitted to the Registrar's Office between **August 15 and November 1** for summer admission into the Master of Occupational Therapy program. **Beginning with admissions for the summer of 2013, a bachelor's degree must be completed by the end of the fall semester prior to the following summer of admission.** Application requirements for the MOT program include the following:

- Grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0
- Two Letters of Reference
- Knowledge and understanding of occupational therapy gained through a minimum of 40 hours volunteer and/or observation under the general supervision of a licensed occupational therapist
- Interviews with Occupational Therapy faculty

MOT Program Prerequisites:

Note: Program prerequisites must be completed by the end of the fall semester prior to admission the following summer.

- Human Anatomy with Laboratory *or* Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 hours
- Human Physiology with laboratory *or* Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 hours
- Physics or Kinesiology (Principles of Dynamics of Movement), 3 hours
- Abnormal Psychology, 3 hours
- Developmental Psychology, 3 hours
- Sociology or Anthropology, 3 hours
- Statistics, 3 hours
- English Technical Writing *or* an advanced writing course, 3 hours
- Medical Terminology, 1 hour

Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from their college counselors or the HSC Welcome Center.

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CURRICULUM

First Year	Credit Hours
Summer Semester	
OCCT 5001 - Theoretical Foundations in Occupational Therapy	2.0
CSBL 5013 - Gross Anatomy	6.0
Elective (may be taken any semester)	1.0
Semester Total	9.0
Fall Semester	
OCCT 5007 - Occupational Justice and Participation	1.0
OCCT 5010 - Human Occupation Across the Life Span	3.0
OCCT 5012 - Application of Neural Systems to Occupation	4.0
OCCT 5013 - Applied Biomechanics of Movement	3.0
OCCT 5014 - Professional Communication in Occupational Therapy	2.0
OCCT 5023 - Research I: Assessment and Research Statistics	3.0
OCCT 5070 - Level I Fieldwork: Life Span	1.0
Semester Total	17.0
Spring Semester	
OCCT 5011 - Research II: Intro. to Research & Design	3.0
OCCT 5020 - Occupational Therapy Process: Neonate - Preschool	4.0
OCCT 5021 - Service Delivery Systems I	2.0
OCCT 5022 - Environmental Technologies I	2.0
OCCT 5024 - Clinical Medicine I	1.0
OCCT 5071 - Level I Fieldwork: Neonatal—Preschool	1.0
OCCT 6026 - Psychosocial Components of Occupational Therapy	4.0
Semester Total	17.0
Second Year	
Summer Semester	
OCCT 5025 - Pathology for Occupational Therapy	3.0
OCCT 6027 - Health Care Management	3.0
Semester Total	6.0
Fall Semester	
OCCT 6020 – Occupational Therapy Process: School Age	4.0
OCCT 6021 - Service Delivery Systems II	2.0
OCCT 6022 - Environmental Technologies II	3.0
OCCT 6037 - Occupational Therapy Process: Adult Neuromuscular Dysfunctions	4.0
OCCT 6045 - Clinical Medicine III	1.0
OCCT 6070 - Level I Fieldwork: School Age	1.0
OCCT 6076 - Level I Fieldwork: Adult Neuromuscular Dysfunction	1.0
Semester Total	16.0

Spring Semester	
OCCT 5005 - The Role of Occupational Therapy in Low-Vision Rehabilitation	2.0
OCCT 6024 - Clinical Medicine II	1.0
OCCT 6030 - Occupational Therapy Process: Adult Biomechanical Dysfunction	4.0
OCCT 6031 - Service Delivery Systems III	3.0
OCCT 6034 - Professional Issues	1.0
OCCT 6069 - Level II Fieldwork: Seminar	1.0
OCCT 6077 - Level I Fieldwork: Adult Biomechanical Dysfunction	1.0
Semester Total	13.0
Third Year	
Summer Semester	
OCCT 5073 - Community Project	6.0
Semester Total	6.0
Fall Semester	
OCCT 6073 - Level II Fieldwork: Developmental Dysfunction <i>or</i> OCCT 6074 - Level II Fieldwork: Adult Disabilities	10.0
Semester Total	10.0
Spring Semester	
OCCT 6073 - Level II Fieldwork: Developmental Dysfunction <i>or</i> OCCT 6074 - Level II Fieldwork: Adult Disabilities	10.0
Semester Total	10.0
Program Total	104.0



PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition and required fees for the program are detailed in the *HSC Catalog*. In addition to the required tuition and fees of approximately \$26,893 (in-state students), costs for other expenses such as textbooks, course manuals, equipment, scrubs, examination fees, and supplies are approximately \$5,123. There is no on-campus housing at the HSC and program expenses do not reflect day-to-day living expenses.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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