

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or be a participant in an approved 3-2 program, and they must have completed prerequisite courses from an accredited college or university. The Program in Occupational Therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

The MSOT prepares students to become practitioners in any practice area. A minimum of a master's degree is required for entry into the profession of occupational therapy. The MSOT degree prepares generalist clinicians with the knowledge and skills needed to work as direct care providers, consultants, educators, managers and advocates for clients. The MSOT program also includes the option for students to study with experienced community clinicians, community agency administrators and faculty scientists.

For students interested in pursuing a PhD in the future, the MSOT degree program also includes the option for students to study with faculty scientists. Students have exposure to topics in participation, public health, aging, children and youth, mental health, work and industry, and neurorehabilitation.

An experiential portion of the curriculum — six months of full-time fieldwork supervised by experienced clinicians — follows the two years of academic course work for a total of 80 credit units. The MSOT degree program is a 28-month, full-time program.

With either degree, students will be eligible to sit for the NBCOT examination to become a practicing occupational therapist. The exam is administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), located at One Bank Street, Suite 300, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. NBCOT's phone number is 301-990-7979, and its website address is www.nbcot.org. Please visit the Program in Occupational Therapy website to view our NBCOT pass rate.

A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification exam or to attain state licensure.