

MS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MSOT)

The mission of the CSUDH MS in Occupational Therapy Program is to prepare entry-level clinical practitioners with the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to practice in traditional as well as emerging occupational therapy roles, with an excellent foundation for later specialization and lifelong learning.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. BA or BS degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. Pre-requisite courses taken within the last ten years (3 semester units each):
 - Human Anatomy with laboratory
 - Human Physiology with laboratory
 - Developmental Psychology (Across the Life Span)
 - Abnormal Personality or Abnormal Psychology
 - Statistics

**Medical Terminologies course or certificate from an accredited institution or Medical Terminologies in OT Workshop from CSUDH*
3. 80 hours of volunteer experience under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist OR completion of the Introduction to OT Workshop from CSUDH.
4. Three letters of recommendation: one from the occupational therapist who supervised the volunteer hours and two from professionals who can attest to your professionalism and readiness for graduate education.
5. GRE with a minimum scores of 4 on Analytic Writing; 140 on Quantitative Reasoning; and 146 on Verbal Reasoning.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Applications to the program are accepted one time each year with a Spring semester program start. Students should submit all application requirements no later than **Sept 15** preceding the spring semester they are seeking admission to the program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The MSOT Program is a full-time Cohort Program. A total of 96 units offered in 7 consecutive semesters (including summer):

- 5 semesters of didactic coursework
- 2 semesters of clinical rotations (Fieldwork II):
 - 3 months each with full-time internship under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist
 - Students may be required to travel outside the state for completion of FW II
- A comprehensive exam is taken to obtain the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

One cohort of 66-70 students is admitted per year, which starts every spring semester. Students within a specific cohort matriculate together and are expected to take the same courses every semester as well as complete the requirements of the program at the same time. MSOT students are assigned to specific sections and are given their class schedule by the department. Students enrolled in the MSOT degree program must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above.

Students will be responsible for transportation and housing during Fieldwork Levels I and II. Uniforms or a CSUDH polo shirt are required during fieldwork. Student must have evidence of health insurance, physical examination, and a record of current and past immunizations. Students may be required to complete and submit a Live Scan Fingerprint and criminal background check as preparation for some Fieldwork Levels I and II.

NATIONAL BOARD ELIGIBILITY AND LICENSURE

Graduates of the program will be eligible to apply for certification to become a practicing occupational therapist through the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Once a successful examination score has been achieved the graduate will be qualified to apply to practice in the state of residence.

The program's board exam pass rate is available at <https://secure.nbcot.org/DATA/SCHOOLSTATS.ASPX>

Note: A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the certification examination administered by the NBCOT or to attain state licensure.

Contact the Credentialing Services if you need assistance by requesting an early determination review.

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ACCREDITATION

The CSUDH MSOT program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

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