



California State University
Dominguez Hills

College of Health, Human Services and Nursing – Department of Occupational Therapy

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT)

What is Occupational Therapy?

- Occupations are the daily tasks and purposeful activities that provide meaning to people's lives.
- Occupational Therapy is the art and science of helping people engage and become more independent in daily occupations that are important and meaningful to enhance their health and well-being.
- Occupational therapy is a rewarding career that allows practitioners to work with various individuals of all ages in a wide variety of settings helping clients:
 - who have conditions that are mentally, physically, developmentally, or emotionally disabling.
 - improve motor and cognitive functions and compensate for permanent loss of functions.
 - develop, recover, improve, or maintain performance skills to achieve independence in their daily living and working activities.
 - have independent, productive and satisfying lives.

Employment Outlook

- Occupational therapists work in hospitals (including rehabilitation and psychiatric), school systems, home health agencies, nursing homes, community mental health centers, adult day healthcare programs, job training services, skilled nursing and residential care facilities, and various types offices and clinics that provide healthcare services.
- Employment of occupational therapists is expected to increase by 27% between 2014 and 2024.
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/occupational-therapists.htm>

Program Description

The MSOT Program is a full-time Cohort Program. A total of 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 an OTR
 - 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. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the NBCOT examination to become a practicing occupational therapist. Once a successful examination score has been achieved the graduate will be qualified to apply to practice in the state of residence.

Accreditation

The CSUDH MSOT 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. Link to ACOTE website: www.acoteonline.org

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Admissions Requirements

1. Earned BA or BS degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. Completed the following pre-requisite courses within the last ten years:
 - Human Anatomy with laboratory (3 semester units)
 - Human Physiology with laboratory (3 semester units)
 - Developmental Psychology (Across the Life Span) (3 semester units)
 - Abnormal Personality or Abnormal Psychology (3 semester units)
 - Statistics (3 semester units)
3. Completed 80 hours of documented volunteer experience under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist OR Successful completion of the course OTR 410 at CSUDH Extended Education.
4. Three letters of recommendation: one must be from the occupational therapist who supervised the volunteer hours and the other two from other professionals who can attest to your readiness for graduate education and professionalism.
5. A minimum Analytic Writing score of 4 on the GRE.
6. Minimum GRE scores of 140 on the Quantitative Reasoning and 146 on the Verbal Reasoning sections.

Application Process

Step 1. Attend an Information Session (for the schedule: <http://www4.csudh.edu/ot/events/index#info-sessions>)

Step 2. Apply to the University (for Spring semester) through www.calstate.edu/apply. Application opens August 1st and all documents are due by September 15.

Step 3. Download the MSOT Program Application at: www4.csudh.edu/ot/admission/application-packet/ and submit completed application packet to the OT Office (Welch Hall 320) no later than September 15.

Step 4. Wait for a decision letter or notification.

Graduation Requirements

Successful completion of all required didactic and clinical work and Comprehensive Examination within five years of admission to the MSOT Program.

Character review and National Board Examination:

A student having record of a felony conviction, previous license/certification revoked, malpractice, expelled from a college/university, etc. is advised to submit necessary documents to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) for a background review prior to applying. For more information, visit this link:

<http://www.nbcot.org/character-review-process>.



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