



Master of Occupational Therapy



- Twenty-two-month program – four semesters of academic studies on campus followed by two semesters of full-time fieldwork
- Curriculum emphasizes a client-centered approach grounded in evidence-based practice
- Fieldwork opportunities in both traditional clinical settings and non-traditional community based settings at more than 350 sites nationwide
- Cutting edge curriculum that is responsive to environmental trends
- Small classes and personal attention from expert faculty
- Excellent job placement rate
- Faculty active in research, clinical practice, and professional organizations
- Opportunities to work with clients every semester
- Dynamic program that blends a theoretical orientation in occupation with excellence in clinical skills application
- Opportunities for professional presentations at local, state, and national conferences

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COLLEGE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Cumulative prerequisite course grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Required prerequisite courses (You may apply before completing your prerequisite courses, however, they must be completed satisfactorily before you may enroll in the program.)
- On-campus writing sample and interview
- Completed application for admission, including:
 - Official transcripts verifying cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
 - Evidence of volunteer/work experience in an occupational therapy setting (a minimum of 10 hours at two different sites – 20 hours total – is required)
 - Three references: one academic, one from an occupational therapy practitioner involved in the volunteer/work experience, and one from the supervisor or staff of a volunteer or work experience
 - Payment of non-refundable \$45 application fee. Online application without fee:
<http://www.chatham.edu/admissions/apply.cfm>
- **International applicants** must have achieved a TOEFL score of at least 85 IBT or an IELTS result of 5.5

ADMISSION DEADLINES

- Early Decision Deadline: September 26
- Recommended/Regular Deadline: December 5

Applications are considered after recommended deadlines on a space available basis. If you are applying after a recommended deadline, please contact the Office of Admissions by e-mailing admissions@chatham.edu or calling 412-365-1825 or 800-837-1290.

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PREREQUISITES

Although all applicants must satisfactorily complete the following courses in order to be eligible to begin the Chatham University MOT program, completion of all courses is not a requirement for submitting an application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to have completed at least two of the five prerequisites prior to application.

- **Human anatomy** (one term): If taking anatomy with physiology, both Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II are necessary to fulfill this requirement
- **Physiology, animal or human** (one term): If taking physiology with anatomy, both Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II are necessary to fulfill this requirement
- **Abnormal psychology** (one term): General or developmental psychology is not acceptable
- **Lifespan development** (one term): A combination of developmental psychology courses that cover the life span from birth to death are also acceptable
- **Statistics or research methods** (one term)
- **Neuroscience**: Recommended, not required (one term)

Practice as a professional requires proficiency in oral and written communication. Students will be expected to demonstrate these proficiencies at the time of the on-campus writing assignment and interview.

COURSE CURRICULUM (87 CREDITS)

YEAR 1

Fall

- Foundations of Occupation and Occupational Therapy
- Introduction to OT Assessment and Intervention Skills
- Mental Health and Occupational Performance
- Evidence-based Practice I
- Human Anatomy

Spring

- Occupational Performance in Children and Adolescents
- Occupational Therapy Models of Practice
- Evidence-based Practice II
- Functional Neuroscience
- Pediatric Fieldwork I-A and Seminar
- Principles of Neuroscience

Summer

- Occupational Performance in the Aging Population
- Biomechanics and Occupational Performance
- Environmental Interventions
- Evidence-based Practice III
- Adult Fieldwork I-B and Seminar

YEAR 2

Fall

- Advanced Topics in Occupational Therapy
- Neurological Conditions and Occupational Performance
- Community Based Fieldwork I-C and Seminar
- Professional Leadership and Management
- Evidence-based Practice Capstone Project
- Fieldwork II Seminar

Spring

- Fieldwork Level II-A

Summer

- Fieldwork Level II-B

The MOT program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220, 301-652-AOTA.

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