

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
- 100% 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>

ADMISSION DEADLINES

- Early Decision Deadline: October 20
- Recommended/Regular Deadline: January 10

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.

CHATHAM UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- Master of Science in Biology
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Occupational Therapy
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

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.

- **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)

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.

