

Occupational Therapy (MS)

Degree Requirements

Master of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy Requirements for Graduation Effective December 2021		Credit Hours
The Master of Science degree program consists of the following courses:		
OT 500	Occupation in Context	3
OT 501	Occupational Development	4
OT 504	Neuroscientific Basis of Occup Perf	3
OT 505	Scientific Inquiry I	2
OT 506	Research Design I	1
OT 507	ADL/IADL Evaluation and Intervention PEDS	2
OT 508	Experiential Learning - PEDS	2
OT 509	OT Foundations	3
OT 511	Neuromusculoskeletal Assessment Lecture	1
OT 513	Neuromusculoskeletal Experiential Learning	2
OT 515	Psychosocial Evaluation & Intervention	3
OT 517	Occupational Evaluation I	3
OT 521	Practicum I	1
OT 522	OT Int. I Lab	1
OT 525	Documentation	3
OT 526	OT for Adults	2
OT 528	OT for Adult Experiential Learning	2
OT 531	Practicum II	1
OT 535	Foundations in Low Vision Rehabilitation	2
OT 536	Management	3
OT 539	Professional Development Seminar	1
OT 545	Scientific Inquiry II	2
OT 547	Research Implementation	1
OT 550	Level II Fieldwork (A)	6
OT 551	Practicum IV Psychosocial	1
OT 552	School Based OT Practice	3
OT 553	OT and the Older Adult	2
OT 554	OT and the Older Adult Experiential Learning	2
OT 555	Level II Fieldwork (B)	6

OT 557	OT for Young Child	3
OT 558	Technology & Environ Interventions in OT	3
OT 571	Interprofessional Collaboraton and Practice	1
OT 572	OT Child & Adolescence	2
OT 573	OT in Acute Care	2
OT 574	OT & Wellness	3
OT 575	Advanced Professional Writing	2
OT 576	Research Publication	1
OT 577	Management & Supervision	3
OT 578	Intervention Competencies	2
OT 581	OT Clinical Practice I (Online)	2
OT 582	Clinical Practice 2 (Online)	2
	Plus, one elective course	1

Expenses

Students admitted in the Occupational Therapy program will be charged a matriculation deposit of \$300 required to secure a seat in the entering class. This amount is not refundable but will be applied towards tuition expenses after classes begin.

Students should be prepared for extra expenses associated with professional studies including books, local travel to and from fieldwork sites and out-of-town travel and living expenses during Level II Fieldwork assignments. Special lab fees are assessed for the following courses:

Abbr	Course Description	Fees
OT 500	Occupation in Context	\$30.00
OT 501	Occupational Development I	\$21.00
OT 504	Neuroscientific Basis of Occup Perf	\$70.00
OT 508	Experiential Learning	\$26.00
OT 513	Neuromusculoskeletal Experiential Learning	\$30.00
OT 515	Psychosocial Evaluation & Intervention	\$26.00
OT 517	Occupational Evaluation I	\$50.00
OT 528	OT for Adult Experiential Learning	\$65.00
OT 535	Foundations in Low Vision Rehabilitation	\$32.00
OT 545	Scientific Inquiry II	\$25.00
OT 550	Level II Fieldwork (A)	\$5.00
OT 552	School Basted OT Practice	\$38.00
OT 554	OT and the Older Adult Experiential Learning	\$32.00
OT 555	Level II Fieldwork (B)	\$5.00
OT 557	OT for the Young Child	\$35.00
OT 558	Technology and Environmental Interventions in OT	\$50.00
OT 572	Evaluation & Intervention Child & Adolescence	\$33.00

OT 573	OT in Acute Care	\$30.00
OT 574	OT & Wellness	\$13.00
OT 578	Intervention Competencies	\$40.00
OT 582	Clinical Practice 2	\$25.00

Retention Policies In accordance with the Policies of the University of South Alabama Graduate School:

- A minimum overall 3.0 GPA on all work attempted in the student's specific program of study is required. A maximum of two courses with the grade of "C" may be counted toward a degree program.
- Any term in which a graduate student drops below a 3.0 GPA, the student is placed on probationary status and has a period of two terms to attain a 3.0 GPA or be dismissed from the Graduate School.

In addition, the following Departmental Retention Policies apply:

- Students in the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each course in the occupational therapy curriculum. This minimum grade of "C" reflects only the letter grade since many courses will require an 80% or 90% competency in order to be considered passing level.
- A student who receives a grade below "C" will be academically dismissed.
- Any combination of nine (9) semester hours of grades of "C" in OT courses will result in academic dismissal.
- If for any reason a student must withdraw from the occupational therapy program, re-admission will require approval of the department chairperson and the Dean of the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions.
- All occupational therapy coursework taken prior to Level II Fieldwork must be successfully completed with a grade of "C" or better and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in order for a student to be eligible to proceed with Level II Fieldwork.
- Level II Fieldwork will be graded as Pass/Fail using the criterion scores developed by the American Occupational Therapy Association. A student will be allowed to withdraw from fieldwork, without penalty, under special circumstances, for example, a serious illness/newly acquired disability. Withdrawal from Level II Fieldwork requires the recommendation of the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and the permission of the Department Chairperson. All repeat fieldwork experiences must be completed within one year.
- If a student fails a Level II Fieldwork course (OT 550, OT 555), a "U" or unsatisfactory will be recorded as the grade. IF the student is permitted to repeat the Level II Fieldwork course, the student may be required to complete remediation tasks prior to repeating the course. The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator will schedule the repeated fieldwork at the earliest available time, but no later than 12 months following completion of all other academic requirements. A student failing to satisfactorily complete two out of three attempts of the 12-week fieldwork placements (OT 550, OT 555) shall be dismissed from the program.

Note: In some semesters, courses may not start and/or finish during the regular University beginning and ending dates for the semester. For example, one course may start at the beginning of a semester and finish at the semester midpoint, while another course starts at the midpoint of the semester and finishes at the semester's end. Accreditation: The Department of Occupational Therapy 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. ACOTE's phone number is (301) 652-6611 (x2914). Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may adversely affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Clinical fieldwork placements will be provided, as safely available, to our students and may require variations in dates for starting and for completion of the clinical rotations. In addition, simulation may be utilized for the completion of level I fieldwork

Graduation Plan

Master Of Science (MS): Occupational Therapy (OT) (95 Total Hours)

First Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Title	Hours
OT 500	Occupational in Context	3
OT 501	Occupational Development	4
OT 509	Occupational Therapy Foundations	3
OT 511	Musculoskeletal Assessment	1
OT 513	Musculoskeletal Experiential Learning	2
OT 517	Occupational Evaluation I	3
Total Hours		16

First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Title	Hours
OT 505	Scientific Inquiry I	2
OT 506	Research Design	1
OT 507	ADL/IADL Eval & Intervention Pediatrics	2
OT 508	Experiential Learning-Peds	2
OT 515	Psychosocial Eval & Interventions	3
OT 526	OT for Adults	2
OT 528	Adult Experiential Learning	2
OT 535	Foundations Low Vision Rehab	2
OT 521-101	Practicum I	1
Total Hours		17

First Year - Summer Semester

Course ID	Course Title	Hours
OT 525	Documentation	3
OT 552	School Based OT	3
OT 553	OT and the Older Adult	2
OT 554	OT & Older Adult Experiential Learning	2
OT 551	Practicum Psycho/Social	1
	One Elective course -OT 590 or AHP 510	1
Total Hours		12

Second Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Title	Hours
OT 504	Neuroscience Basis of Occupational Performance	3
OT 545	Scientific Inquiry II	2
OT 547	Research Implementation	1
OT 557	OT for the Young Child	3
OT 558	Technology	3
OT 567	OT UE Injuries/Work	2
OT 568	UE Injuries/Work Experiential Learning	2
OT 531-101	Practicum	1
	Total Hours	17

Second Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Title	Hours
OT 539	Professional Development Seminar	1
OT 571	Interprofessional Collaboration and Practice	1
OT 572	OT Child/Adolescent	2
OT 573	OT in Acute Care	2
OT 574	OT and Wellness	3
OT 575	OT Advanced Professional Writing	2
OT 576	Research Analysis and Presentation	1
OT 577	Management and Supervision	3
OT 578	Intervention Competencies	2
	Total Hours	17

Second Year - Summer Semester

Course ID	Course Title	Hours
OT 550	Level II Fieldwork (A)	6
OT 581	OT Clinical Practice I (online)	2
	Total Hours	8

Third Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Title	Hours
OT 555	Level II Fieldwork (B)	6

OT 581	OT Clinical Practice II (online)	2
	Total Hours	8

Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
	Total Hours	

Notes

*Recommended Course

**See Degree Requirements

Department Information

Department of Occupational Therapy Staff	(251) 445-9222
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Associate Professor	Wooster
Assistant Professors	Hall, O'Connor, Taylor, Somerville
Instructors	Deacy, Thompson

Department of Occupational Therapy website
<http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/ot>

Occupational Therapy is a health care profession devoted to providing skilled treatment that helps individuals achieve independence in all aspects of their lives. Occupational therapists work with persons with acute and chronic physical, psychosocial, mental and developmental disabilities. An occupational therapist may aid in the growth and development of premature babies; create a learning environment for physically and mentally challenged children; adapt home environments for persons with stroke, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury and other disabilities; or create activities that are designed to restore mental health for persons with emotional, mental, or substance abuse problems. Occupational therapy focuses on "skills for the job of living" which includes all of the necessary skills for individuals to "live life to its fullest" and lead independent and satisfying lives.

The Master of Science degree program in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) is an entry-level professional program designed to enable the student to develop advanced critical reasoning skills and to prepare the graduate for professional practice in a variety of settings. Graduates will also have the capability of assuming responsibilities in the areas of administration, program development, consultation and research in occupational therapy.

The program consists of 95 semester hours and is seven consecutive semesters in length. This includes 24 weeks of full-time Level II Fieldwork as required by accreditation standards. Level II Fieldwork is available in a variety of medical and community sites representing a diverse range of learning opportunities for students. All Level II Fieldwork must be completed within 12 months following completion of academic requirements.

The program is designed to accommodate applicants who have a baccalaureate degree in another field.

Criteria For Admission

A new class of MSOT students begins each year in the fall semester. Applications are available in July each year for fall of the following year. Selected applicants, who meet all academic admission requirements, may be invited for an interview. Students offered admission may choose to guarantee a seat by submitting a matriculation fee (applied toward tuition) or be placed on the alternate list. All students accepted to the program must complete a criminal background check. Admission is contingent on the background check being clear of criminal charges. Admissions information is available on the Occupational Therapy Department website with instructions.

The Master of Rehabilitation Sciences in Occupational Therapy is aimed at providing students with rich, robust, clinically relevant, and evidence-based learning experiences. Graduates will have a strong understanding of entry-level and advanced clinical services, will utilize evidence-based research relevant to the field, demonstrate leadership skills that impact delivery of high quality care for patients, and develop skills needed to serve as a patient educator, clinical educator, or faculty member. This program is intended to support international clinicians and academicians wishing to gain further experience with a variety of disorders and principles of rehabilitation. This program is not accredited by the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education and does not lead to licensure or certification in the United States. Graduation from this program does not guarantee admission to a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy or Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program. Students enrolled in this program are not eligible for federal financial aid. Admission to the RSOT program is on a competitive basis. For admissions information, visit the department's website.

The RSOT program is an in-residence program requiring 30 credit hours. The program runs August to July and is divided into three semesters (Fall, Spring and Summer).