

SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Occupational therapy is a health care profession whose members work to foster full participation in everyday life for persons with physical, cognitive, emotional, or societal restrictions. Occupational therapy is based on the premise that engagement in real life activities in prescribed areas with specific goals promotes health and wellness.

To enter a career as an occupational therapist a graduate degree is required. Please refer to the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate>) for a full description of the Master of Occupational Therapy program and requirements for application. In addition, The School of Occupational Therapy offers an Alumni Advantage for high performing graduates from selected majors at Texas Woman's University.

Admissions

General Application to the Master of Occupational Therapy Program at TWU

The School of Occupational Therapy invites application to the Master of Occupational Therapy program from any individual meeting minimum requirements. Application is competitive. Students are admitted to the Master of Occupational Therapy program once a year in the fall semester. Applications are accepted via OTCAS and must be submitted by October 15 for consideration for entry in the subsequent fall semester. The TWU Graduate Catalog should be consulted for directions regarding minimum criteria for general admission to the MOT programs offered in Denton, Dallas, and Houston.

The Alumni Advantage Process for High Performing Graduates from Selected TWU Majors

In addition to the general applications, Texas Woman's University graduates who qualify (see criteria below) may apply for an Alumni Advantage into the MOT program. Five majors at Texas Woman's University offer degree plans in preparation for occupational therapy. Undergraduates who want to prepare for application to the Master of Occupational Therapy and qualify for the Alumni Advantage program select a major in child development, family studies, kinesiology, psychology, or health studies. Please refer to these programs for specific course and major information. TWU undergraduate core requirements, the required courses in the major, and the prerequisite and required courses for the Master of Occupational Therapy Alumni Advantage are included in these degree plans. All undergraduate advising is conducted within the major department.

Transfer students

Students may transfer coursework from an accredited institution. The university and the major departments of child development, family studies, kinesiology, psychology, or health studies determine which courses may be applied to the undergraduate degree. The applicant must have a minimum of 30 hours completed at Texas Woman's University at time of application to the MOT program.

Alumni Advantage Admission Requirements

- Admission to Texas Woman's University Graduate School submitted through ApplyTexas.
- Completed School of Occupational Therapy Application, and TWU degree plan, signed by your academic advisor, submitted via OTCAS.
- Texas Woman's University baccalaureate degree with a pre-OT track degree plan majoring in child development, family studies, kinesiology, psychology, or health studies, completed at time of enrollment.
- A minimum of 30 hours completed at Texas Woman's University at time of application.
- Overall grade point average of 3.7 calculated at the time of application on last 60 semester credit hours before completion of the Texas Woman's University baccalaureate degree, and maintenance of a 3.7 GPA or higher through completion of baccalaureate degree.
- Report from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) taken within 5 years of application date.
- Combined prerequisite course GPA of 3.5 or better, with no grade below a B on any prerequisite course. Advanced Placement credit will not be accepted. Prerequisite courses completed at time of application.
 - Elementary Statistics
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & II Lecture / Lab
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Abnormal Psychology
- Pre-occupational therapy track* courses combined with prerequisite course GPA of 3.5 or better, with no grade below a B. Pre-occupational therapy track* courses may be completed before, during, or after application.
 - Kinesiology Foundations of Human Movement*
 - Neuroanatomy/Physiology Lecture / Lab*
- Competency in Medical Terminology - may be submitted after acceptance, prior to MOT program entry.
- A minimum of 20 contact hours with one licensed occupational therapist, within 2 years of application. The OT must complete an evaluation via OTCAS and the observation hours must be documented on the OTCAS application.
- 2 additional evaluations from TWU faculty members in the pre-ot major under whom the applicant has completed a course of study.

Application Process

Step 1: Apply to Texas Woman's University Graduate School at www.applytexas.org

- Application opens July 1st for Fall semester
- Graduate Application - choose TWU Denton
- Select semester of entry - Fall
- Major: **Occupational Therapy MOT** - select your first choice campus

- Complete biographical information; educational background; residency information; employment, academic references & honors; and custom questions.
- Payment options - fee is paid at end of application.
- **Application deadline - October 15th**

Submit the following documents to Texas Woman's University

- GRE scores - TWU code 2215
- TOEFL and TSE/Test A - if applicable

Step 2: Apply to The School of Occupational Therapy via OTCAS at www.otcas.org

- Application can be submitted to OTCAS July 18th - October 15th. This application will close at midnight EST on October 15th. No late applications will be accepted.
- Use a permanent email address when applying to OTCAS.
- A minimum of three Evaluators are required - one of the evaluators *must* be the occupational therapist you observed for 20 hours. The other two evaluators are academic or professional references.
- Upload TWU degree plan, signed by the academic advisor.

Submit the following documents to OTCAS

- Transcripts from all schools
- GRE scores - TWU code 2215

If you experience technical difficulty completing the OTCAS application - the Customer Service information is listed below: OTCAS, it may be your web browser or mobile device.

OTCAS has a team dedicated to helping applicants with the application process. The Customer Service information is listed below: Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm EST

Phone Number: 617-612-2860

Email: otcasinfo@otcas.org

When contacting via email, applicants should include their full name, OTCAS ID number and a detailed question.

Step 3: Applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee and applicants invited to interview will receive invitations in December. Interviews will take place in January.

Step 4: Admission decisions will be sent in February.

Class size in the Master of Occupational Therapy program is regulated by accreditation requirements. Entry into the program for Texas Woman's University graduates who have met the Alumni Advantage requirements may be delayed dependent on that year's number of eligible Alumni Advantage entry applicants.

The Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/master-occupational-therapy-mot>) contains detailed program requirements.

The Master of Occupational Therapy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220, 301-652-2682). With successful completion of the Master of Occupational Therapy degree, the student is eligible to apply for the certification examination given by the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (<http://www.nbcot.org>). *Note: The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) may bar persons from taking the certification examination for the following*

reasons: 1) felony conviction, 2) adverse action related to professional license, registration, or certification, 3) documented misconduct, and/or 4) suspension or expulsion from an institute of higher education. The School of Occupational Therapy recommends that students with questions concerning their eligibility to take this required examination to be credentialed as an occupational therapist, contact NBCOT for an "early determination review."

Courses

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OT 4901. Special Topics. Study of selected topics in the field of occupational therapy. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

OT 4902. Special Topics. Study of selected topics in the field of occupational therapy. Two lecture hours a week. Credit: Two hours.

OT 4903. Special Topics. Study of selected topics in the field of occupational therapy. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

OT 4911. Independent Study. Credit: One hour.

OT 4913. Independent Study. Credit: Three hours.

Faculty

Professors

BAXTER, MARY FRANCES, Professor of Occupational Therapy. B.S., Colorado State University; M.A., Texas Woman's University; Ph.D., University of Houston .

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Visiting Assistant Professors

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