Master of Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)

The Master of Occupational Therapy (http://www.twu.edu/occupational-therapy/master-ot.asp) program is a 28 month full-time educational commitment. Approximately 135 students are admitted and attend classes on the Denton, Dallas, and Houston campuses. 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. Students are required to attend in the semester for which they are accepted and at the location assigned by the School of Occupational Therapy.

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

83 semester credit hours

Admission Requirements

• Completed online application to Texas Woman's University Graduate School through ApplyTexas
• Completed School of Occupational Therapy Application and Essay submitted via OTCAS
• Baccalaureate degree completed at time of enrollment
• Overall grade point average of 3.0 calculated on the last 60 credit hours or overall grade point average of 3.0 on 12 or more graduate credit hours.
• Report from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) taken within 5 years of application date
• Combined prerequisite course GPA of 3.0 or better, with no grade below a C on any prerequisite course. All prerequisite courses completed at time of application.
  • Elementary Statistics
  • Anatomy and Physiology I & II
  • Developmental Psychology
  • Abnormal Psychology
• Competency in Medical Terminology may be submitted after acceptance, prior to MOT program entry.
• MOT Applicant Clinical Observation Form completed by one licensed occupational therapist who can document a minimum of 20 contact hours of supervised observation with the applicant
• MOT Applicant Academic or Professional Reference Form to be completed by an individual who can best attest to the applicant’s readiness for graduate level work. Reference from a college/university faculty member under whom the applicant has completed a course of study is preferred; however a professional reference from an employer or supervisor will receive equal consideration.

Please see the School of Occupational Therapy webpage for detailed application information.

Master of Occupational Therapy Program Requirements

Access to Agencies Providing Fieldwork Experiences

Master of Occupational Therapy coursework includes requirements that must be completed at clinical fieldwork sites. The responsibility of meeting the access requirements of agencies providing fieldwork placements belongs to the student at their own expense, following procedures outlined in the MOT Student Handbook. The School of Occupational Therapy does not guarantee student access to fieldwork sites. Inability to complete fieldwork requirements may result in a delay or failure to complete the MOT program.

Immunizations

Occupational therapy is a health care field. Each student must submit documentation that all required immunizations are current to Student Health Services at Texas Woman's University prior to registration in any occupational therapy course. Immunizations must remain current throughout enrollment. Students who are out of compliance will be unable to participate in required fieldwork, fieldtrips or client interactions on campus which may result in a delay or halt of academic progression.

Background Check

A background check is required prior to registration in any occupational therapy course at the student’s expense. Instructions for completing this requirement are provided after program admission.

Drug Screening

Enrollment in the MOT program requires students to submit to prescreening, periodic and random drug screens. Drug screen is conducted via the designated third party. Any student with a non-negative drug screen result or who refuses the test will be dismissed from the MOT program. Many fieldwork sites require additional drug testing which may be at the student’s expense.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training (CPR)

Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers from the American Heart Association is required of all students in preparation for the requirements of fieldwork sites. This training is at the student’s expense. Instructions for completing this requirement are provided after program admission.

Health Insurance

Many fieldwork sites require the student to have health insurance coverage.

Malpractice Insurance

Each student must present proof of ownership of malpractice insurance available in the state of Texas each academic year of enrollment. Student malpractice insurance is provided automatically through TWU with enrollment in fieldwork courses.

Time Limits

All academic courses must be completed within no more than 36 months. All fieldwork experiences in the Master of Occupational
Therapy program must be completed within 24 months of academic coursework completion.

**Grade Requirements**
- Students must meet the academic requirements of the Graduate School throughout their course of study in the MOT Program.
- Students who earn a grade of D, F or WF in an occupational therapy course will be dismissed from the MOT program.
- Students placed under academic probation by the Graduate School a second time will be dismissed from the MOT program.

**Final Examination**
Successful completion of the capstone course is required prior to enrollment in Level II Fieldwork experiences.

**Internship (Level II Fieldwork) Requirements**
The Master of Occupational Therapy degree requires six months internship completed in three month rotations at two fieldwork sites. Fieldwork sites are independent agencies and maintain their own requirements. Fieldwork agencies may request proof of immunization ([www.twu.edu/student-health-services/immunizations.asp](http://www.twu.edu/student-health-services/immunizations.asp)), background checks, drug screens, proof of liability and/or personal insurance, CPR training, or fingerprinting. When this is required by an agency, all students assigned to that agency must meet any requirements *at their own expense*. Failure to meet the requirements may result in delay or failure to complete the M.O.T. program.
- All academic courses must be completed successfully before admission to Level II Fieldwork experiences.
- Students under academic probation may not progress to Level II fieldwork.
- Any student failing to complete an assigned fieldwork experience with a passing grade may repeat fieldwork one time only. Permission to repeat the course must be obtained from the Director of the School of Occupational Therapy. Any second fieldwork failure will result in dismissal from the MOT program.
- All fieldwork experiences in the Master of Occupational Therapy program must be completed within 24 months of academic coursework completion.

**Master of Occupational Therapy Curriculum Design**
The School of Occupational Therapy offers a curriculum that is sequential and designed for completion of a specified set of integrated required courses each semester. Students progress through the program as a cohort. Courses in each semester are organized around three domains of content: Occupation, Process, and Practice. Within these three domains, there are strands of content that run longitudinally through the curriculum. The Occupation Domain consists of the theoretical bases of practice and the occupational participation strands. The Process Domain focuses on scholarly inquiry and principles of intervention. The Practice Domain is comprised of tools and modalities and professional reasoning courses with fieldwork experiences. Each semester of the program is a module made up of progressive integrated learning opportunities. Each module contains consistent elements of the strands of learning in a lifespan presentation that increase in complexity as the student progresses through the curriculum. In addition, students select two to three semester credit hours of elective credit from offered coursework, research practicum, or professional paper.

The degree plan below reflects the Master of Occupational Therapy curriculum ([http://www.twu.edu/downloads/ot/MOT_Figure_2_for_web_9-10-12.pdf](http://www.twu.edu/downloads/ot/MOT_Figure_2_for_web_9-10-12.pdf)).

### Master of Occupational Therapy Program of Study (83 semester credit hours)

#### First Semester
- OT 5163 Foundations of Occupational Therapy Practice 3
- OT 5003 Clinical Neuroscience for Occupational Therapy 3
- OT 5512 Movement in Context 2
- OT 5132 Persons, Tools, and Occupations 2
- OT 5142 Scholarly Inquiry in Occupational Therapy 2

#### Second Semester
- OT 5553 Occupational Participation in Early to Middle Adulthood 3
- OT 5522 Occupational Adaptation: Early to Middle Adulthood Laboratory 2
- OT 5823 Professional Reasoning and Fieldwork: Early to Middle Adulthood 3
- OT 5001 Appraising Occupational Therapy Evidence 1
- OT 5352 Evaluation Processes in Occupational Therapy 2
- OT 5002 Applied Research Methods in Occupational Therapy 2

#### Summer
- OT 5122 Occupation, Wellness, and Adaptation 2
- OT 5232 Mental Health and Social Participation 2
- OT 5833 Professional Reasoning and Fieldwork: Mental Health and Community-Based Programs 3
- OT Elective

#### Fourth Semester
- OT 5563 Occupational Participation in Middle to Late Adulthood 3
- OT 5722 Occupational Performance and Adaptation In Middle to Late Adulthood Laboratory 2
- OT 5843 Professional Reasoning and Fieldwork: Older Adulthood 3
- OT 5732 Assistive and Computer Technology Tools in Practice 2
- OT 5753 Designing, Evaluating, and Managing Systems 3
- OT Elective

#### Fifth Semester
- OT 5573 Occupational Participation in Infancy And Childhood 3
- OT 5322 Occupational Performance and Adaptation in Infancy and Childhood Laboratory 2
- OT 5853 Professional Reasoning and Fieldwork: Infancy, Childhood, and Adolescence 3
- OT 5932 Rehabilitation Technology in Practice 2
- OT 5992 Professional Reasoning Capstone 2
- OT Elective

### Fieldwork II - six months full time training
All students must complete Option 1, but may then choose from options 2, 3, or 4, for second experience

**Option 1:**
- OT 5916  Adaptation to Physical Challenges in Adult Years I
- OT 5926  Adaptation to Physical Challenges in Adult Years II

**Option 2:**
- OT 5936  Adaptation to Psychosocial Challenges Across the Life Span I
- OT 5946  Adaptation to Psychosocial Challenges Across the Life Span II

**Option 3:**
- OT 5956  Adaptation to Physical or Psychosocial Challenges in Early Years I
- OT 5966  Adaptation to Physical or Psychosocial Challenges in Early Years II

**Option 4:**
- OT 5976  Alternative Clinical Experience I
- OT 5986  Alternative Clinical Experience II

**Electives**
- OT 5022  Occupational Therapy Research Practicum
- OT 5202  Professional Paper in Occupational Therapy
- OT 5101  Professional Paper in Occupational Therapy
- OT 5812  Issues in Knowledge Bases
- OT 5822  Issues in Adaptation
- OT 5832  Issues in Practice Tools
- OT 5852  Issues in Occupational Therapy Process
- OT 5901  Special Topics
- OT 5903  Special Topics
- OT 5911  Independent Study
- OT 5913  Independent Study
- OT 5811  Specialty Field Experience

**Total Semester Credit Hours** 83