School of Occupational Therapy

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Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.O.T. Master of Occupational Therapy (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-2017/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/master-occupational-therapy-mot)
- Ph.D. in Occupational Therapy (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-2017/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/occupational-therapy-phd)

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. The School of Occupational Therapy at Texas Woman’s University offers graduate level training and education for persons seeking to initiate or to expand a career in occupational therapy. The School is home to 25 faculty members and over 5,000 alumni and encompasses a Texas-wide network of professionals dedicated to the advancement of high quality evidence-based occupational therapy practice. The occupational therapy programs are available at the main campus of Texas Woman’s University in Denton, the T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences in Dallas, and the TWU Institute of Health Sciences in Houston. Specific online components supplement traditional classroom learning. At each location, courses are conducted in classrooms and laboratories specially equipped to enhance student learning. Lecture and laboratory learning experiences are provided by experienced occupational therapy faculty, occupational therapy practitioners, and other health care providers. TWU offers degree programs leading to the Master of Occupational Therapy, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, and Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy.

Overview of Degrees offered in Occupational Therapy

The Master of Occupational Therapy (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-2017/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/master-occupational-therapy-mot) (MOT) degree is a professional entry-level degree that prepares students with baccalaureate degrees in other fields to become occupational therapists. The curriculum is taught in Denton, Dallas, and Houston. Master of Occupational Therapy students complete all courses at one of these sites.

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 MOT degree, the student is eligible to apply for the certification examination given by the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (www.nbcol.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.”

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-2017/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/occupational-therapy-otd) (OTD) degree is a post professional clinical practice degree that engages practicing occupational therapists in leadership for advanced roles as master practitioner, advocate for client populations, and occupational therapy educator. The curriculum is designed to be experienced while active in the profession with learning activities integrated into clinical practice. The program is structured for continuous part time enrollment utilizing distance education methods with periodic on-campus sessions.

The Doctor of Philosophy (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-2017/graduate/health-sciences/occupational-therapy/occupational-therapy-phd) (PhD) degree is a post-professional graduate program for occupational therapists whose desire is to develop skills for advanced academic and research pursuits. The PhD in Occupational Therapy is offered via on-line and on-campus learning experiences in Dallas and Houston.

Admissions

Admission Requirements

Please see the admission section (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-2017/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school) of this catalog. In addition to these general requirements, the School of Occupational Therapy requires the following.

Master of Occupational Therapy – applicants with a bachelor’s degree

Entry into the Master of Occupational Therapy program is structured for students who have completed specified undergraduate coursework and who hold a bachelor’s degree in any major from an accredited institution. The Master of Occupational Therapy program is a 28-month
full-time educational commitment, inclusive of a six-month internship. Cohorts of 30-45 students are admitted each fall semester to each of our three locations.

Applicants must complete the following prerequisites with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better prior to beginning M.O.T. courses: statistics, human anatomy and physiology, developmental psychology, abnormal psychology, and medical terminology. Applicants must also complete a minimum of twenty hours of observation, volunteer, or paid employment under the supervision of a registered occupational therapist and submit an application and essay.

**TWU Alumni Advantage Application**

Applicants requesting the Texas Woman's University Alumni Advantage admission may apply the year prior to the completion of their degree. Applications must be postmarked by September 15 for consideration for entry in the subsequent fall semester. Applicants requesting Alumni Advantage must demonstrate an overall grade point average of 3.7 on the last 60 semester credit hours completed at the time of application, as well as a 3.5 grade point average on prerequisites and maintain these averages until the award of the undergraduate degree. Assured admission status will be revoked for applications not meeting this standard.


**Doctor of Occupational Therapy**

Admission requirements include

1. Current occupational therapy license or registration
2. Master level degree
3. 3.2 minimum GPA on master level work
4. Successful completion of the OTD application process inclusive of written application and interviews
5. Faculty mentor agreement

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Admission requirements include

1. Master's degree in occupational therapy or a related field; comparable graduate level degree may be substituted subject to review by doctoral admissions committee;
2. minimum GPA of 3.2 in previous graduate work;
3. submission of scores in verbal, and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Exam;
4. satisfactory English language proficiency score (if applicable);
5. initial certification as an occupational therapist by NBCOT; and
6. three letters of reference.

Graduates from non-U.S. baccalaureate programs, recognized by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists who otherwise meet admission requirements, need not be certified by the NBCOT to pursue the Ph.D. in occupational therapy. Ph.D. applicants, who meet basic admission criteria, are asked to submit a written essay of no more than 1000 words addressing professional goals, prior experience that may form the foundation for doctoral work, and potential research directions. The doctoral admissions committee reviews the applicants and invites selected individuals for a personal interview with the committee. Year-round admission.

**Faculty**

**Professors**

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