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*School of Allied Health Professions*  
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**MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MOT):  
 ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES**

The Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program conducts a monthly **Information Session** for individuals interested in applying for admission. These group sessions include an orientation to the program and information on admissions procedures. They are conducted on the **First Friday of Each Month at 2:00 p.m.** in the Department of Occupational Therapy. Persons interested in attending are asked to contact us to let us know that they are planning on coming to a given session. (Please see our address and contact information below).

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**REQUIREMENTS:**

Admission to the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Program is on a competitive basis. Requirements for admission are listed below. Meeting the following requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. All fields of study are accepted; no preference is given to one major area of study over another.
2. Applicants are expected to have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale) for their undergraduate degree, and a cumulative GPA of 2.8 for prerequisite courses.
3. Completion of prerequisite courses prior to enrollment in the program. Completion of prerequisite courses is not required prior to applying to the program. However, if prerequisite courses are not complete by application, a plan for their completion is required when applying.

Prerequisite courses	Credits	Comments
Abnormal Psychology	3	
Anatomy/with Lab*	4 (3/1)	Human or Vertebrate or Comparative
Chemistry	3	Organic or General or Introduction or Elementary
Human Development Across Lifespan	3-6	3 credits if lifespan covered on one course; 6 credits if separate childhood and aging courses taken to cover lifespan
Physics/with Lab	4 (3/1)	General or Introduction or Elementary
Human Physiology*	3	Lab is highly recommended but not required
Sociology	3	Any sociology course is acceptable
Statistics	3	Must be inferential statistics; needs to include descriptive statistics, correlation, and analysis of variance

\* If Anatomy and Human Physiology courses are taken as Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology II instead of as separate courses, then the total of seven (7) credits is needed for the combined course content

4. A grade of “C” or better is required for all prerequisites courses.

5. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a minimum score of 400 on the verbal, 400 on the quantitative, and 3 on the analytical writing subsections of the GRE. The GRE must be taken within the past five years.
6. Applicants must acquire a minimum of 40 hours of verified observation or volunteer experience in occupational therapy. As few as one occupational therapist (OTR) at one site and as many as four therapists at four different facilities can be used to complete the 40 hours. A Documentation of Experience form, which is included in the application, will need to be completed by each supervising occupational therapist to verify hours of contact. If four therapists are visited to accrue the 40 hours, then four Documentation of Experience forms will need to be submitted.
7. Computer literacy is required of all students in the program. Specifically, students are expected to be proficient in word processing, spreadsheet management, internet navigation, and e-mail procedures.
8. CPR Certification must be valid while enrolled in the program, but is not required for application to the program.

Special consideration may be given to a student who does not meet the minimum requirements, but is able to present evidence deemed by the faculty to indicate that an exemption is warranted. For example, a student has a GPA of 2.3 in his or her undergraduate degree, a GPA of 3.9 in prerequisite courses, and has verbal and math score on the GRE of over 500 each.

#### **METHOD OF APPLICATION:**

Procedures for applying for admission to the Master of Occupational Therapy degree program are as follows:

1. The application form for admission to the MOT program can be downloaded from:

<http://alliedhealth.lsuhs.edu/OccupationalTherapy/>

2. **Application Deadline:**

Applications for admission are due to the Office of Student Affairs (see address below) by **July 1st** of each year. **A new in-coming class is enrolled each January.** However, applications for admissions will continue to be accepted and processed past the July 1st of each year if a class of 30 students is not yet filled.

3. Completed application with fee, official school transcripts, official GRE scores, and completed Documentation of Experience form/s (see application for needed form) are to be mailed to:

Office of Student Affairs  
LSU Health Sciences Center  
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[sahpsa@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:sahpsa@lsuhsc.edu)

4. Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Office of Student Affairs by all colleges and universities attended.
5. Notification of the action taken by the Admissions Committee will be sent in writing to all applicants.
6. Accepted applicants are expected to notify the Department in writing as to whether or not they plan on enrolling in the program.